

Five killed 'Get out by midnight' order to Niuta crew

in road accidents

Agencies and Jerusalem Post Staff
NEW ORLEANS. — Immigration officials have ordered striking Israeli crewmen on the ore ship Niuta to leave the U.S. by midnight last night or be deported. The ship who has 17 ratings and 10 officers.

An immigration department officer said that the ultimatum was based on a request from the ship's operators, Tanker Services Ltd., an Israeli corporation which chartered the vessel.

"Anyone who wilfully fails or refuses to depart will be the subject of immediate deportation proceedings," said the officer. Originally the department intended to give the crewmen a week to leave.

The trouble on the ship started over pay claims. The Niuta reached the U.S. on November 29, first docking at Pascagoula, Miss. It has been tied up at a Mississippi River dock 50 miles upstream from New Orleans since December 11, with crewmen refusing to leave the ship or allow it to be loaded.

Seamen aboard a foreign ship docking in U.S. ports are given landing privileges for 29 days. If the ship remains in U.S. ports longer than that, extensions may be granted at the owners' request. The shipping company recently

filed a U.S. District Court suit here seeking a court order to force the rebellious crewmen to leave the ship. An attorney for the company said that the action of the immigration authorities had avoided the necessity of a long trial.

The suit said the strike stemmed from disciplinary problems that developed during the voyage from Rotterdam to Pascagoula.

Ya'acov Ardon writes that according to reports received in Eilat, striking seamen on the Niuta hung up a large sign on the ship saying: "We are on a hunger strike against the State of Israel. Please help."

TV cameramen took pictures of the men.

The 10 officers of the ship, headed by Captain (Continued on page 2, col. 4)

Egyptians busy at radar site

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Egyptian soldiers yesterday continued ground levelling at the site of their early-warning station inside Israeli territory in the Gidi Pass area.

In the afternoon eight vehicles left the area carrying some of the 150 men working at the site. Egyptian traffic to and from the area is permitted twice a day, under UN and Israeli escort.

Settlers to get new homes at Camp Kadum

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

CAMP KADUM. — A hillside outside this camp's northern fence is being levelled for roads and homes for Gush Etzion members now housed in the camp.

However, Dan Patir, Prime Minister Rabin's spokesman, and Naftali Lavie, spokesman of the Defense Ministry, said last night they were not aware of any change in the Government's policy on settlement in Samaria.

Lavie said the agreement made with the settlers, following which they ended their 10 day of squatting in Sebastia last month, stipulated that the army would provide them with structures for living quarters. "They cannot live inside the camp, and in order to put up structures for them the ground must be prepared," he said.

The settlers, meanwhile, live in two stone buildings and two wooden huts, provided by the army, and in various tents, trailers and prefabricated huts they have brought with them. Only 16 of the group's 80 families are here, but, says Menahem Felix, one of their leaders: "Even if enough housing were available now, not everyone could leave everything and move in."

Felix said 11 of the 16 family heads have kept their jobs within the Green Line, and were commuting every day. The others were devoting their time to preparing the settlement, with the help of 10 volunteers. The group also has 10 single members, and 20 yeshiva students, studying in the camp's synagogue.

The settlers' quarters have been declared "off limits" by the army to its camp personnel, but Felix said relations with the camp's officers were good.

The site outside the fence, now being prepared, in fact belongs to the camp according to Lavie, and the fence will be extended to include it after the land work is completed.

Rockets land in Nahariya area

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAHARIYA. — Several Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanon fell in the region of Nahariya about 9 o'clock last night. There were no injuries or damage, and fire was returned.

It was the sixth time in the last six months that rockets have been fired at Nahariya. The Lebanese border is nine kilometres away.

82 die in Saudi crash

Jerusalem Post Reporter

DAHHRAN, Saudi Arabia. — A Lebanese airliner crashed in the Saudi Arabian desert at dawn yesterday, killing all 82 people on board. The plane, with 67 passengers and 15 crew, was on a flight from Beirut to Dubai and was carrying 720 tons of Saudi oil.

Aviation sources in Kuwait said that the plane — belonging to Middle East Airlines — was seen clearly on radar following its normal route when it suddenly disappeared from the screen.

The plane came down near the Kuwait border, and doctors and nurses from the American Arab Oil Company base at Dhahran were among the rescue teams that flew to the scene.

Most of the victims were Arabs, but the passenger list showed 14 names which seemed to be European. Two babies were among the victims.

Airline officials in Beirut ruled out sabotage by a time bomb and said a bomb activated by barometric pressure would have gone off long before the plane reached the point where it came down. (Reuters)

BULLETIN

Three demonstrators were killed in the northern Portuguese city of Oporto last night when guards opened fire on a military parade at a demonstration protesting against the continued detention of more than 100 leftists. (Reuters)

Soldier wounded

A soldier was wounded when the jeep he was driving hit a mine south of El Arish yesterday morning. Security forces are investigating whether the mine was laid recently.

The soldier, who was alone in the jeep, was travelling on a side dirt track, near the southern entrance to El Arish.



Chairman Mao Tse-tung greets Julie Eisenhower—daughter of former President Nixon—and her husband, David Eisenhower in Peking on Wednesday night. (AP radiophoto)

'Kickback racket led to Areas murder'

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Allegations of collusion between Arab "bosses," Israeli employers and Labour Exchange officials — involving kickbacks and bribes in the daily transport of thousands of workers from the administered territories to Israel — were made yesterday by Likud Knesset Member Pessah Grupper.

Grupper told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that this collusion was the true background of the murder last May of Yisrael Friedman, an Israeli driver originally believed to have been shot to death by terrorists in Samaria last May. Friedman's body was found next to his truck, in which he had been transporting Arab workers back from their jobs across the green line. His truck was burnt.

Friedman was murdered not by terrorists, but by an Arab "mafia," Grupper said. He had run afoul of the Arab rule (work bosses) when he tried to establish himself as a contractor between employers in the Heifa area and the Arab villages, infringing upon the bosses' territory.

All this was against a background of bribery involving Israeli employers, the Employment Service in the territories and a network of Arab contractors who control the transportation of some 50,000 workers who cross the green line daily to work in Israel, Grupper said.

About 10,000 of these workers, he said, are employed in Israel without an official referral from the Employment Service. These referrals are given out following a request from an employer in Israel for workers.

Workers without referrals receive their salaries through the Arab work bosses. But the deductions for social benefits — which should go into a government-managed fund —

end up instead in the pockets of the Arab contractors.

Part of these sums, Grupper said, are then kicked back to key business figures or officials in public institutions who are instrumental in distributing work contracts. And since the transportation of these "illegal" workers is carried out in collusion with the labour exchanges, some of this money also finds its way to individuals working there.

Friedman ran afoul of the "mafia," Grupper said, when he gave testimony against a Labour Exchange official in a bribery case. After that he was black-balled, and his murder stemmed from his attempt to turn his way back into the business of transporting workers.

Friedman had approached Grupper about the possibility of exposing the entire situation in the Knesset, but he was killed shortly before he was about to bring him documentary evidence, the Knesset Member said.

Beirut Christians reject equal-power proposal

By ANAN SAFADI
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Lebanon's Christian leaders yesterday rejected Moslem demands for dividing power on an equal basis, indicating that they would rather partition the country into two separate states. The announcement threatened the current "national reconciliation" efforts in Beirut with a total collapse.

The Christian stand was adopted at a conference held at the presidential palace on New Year's eve, it was revealed yesterday. The meeting was reported to have turned down a "reconciliation" scheme which would give the Moslems — who comprise 60 per cent of the population — equality in parliament, government and the army, all of which have been controlled by Christians since Lebanon gained independence from France 32 years ago.

Interior Minister Camille Chamoun said that the proposed 50-50 power sharing formula would eliminate Lebanon's unwritten national charter which gives the Christians the

presidency, a six-to-five representation in parliament and key positions in the administration and the army.

Another leading Christian figure, Pierre Jemayel, said that he feared the plan would make an oppressed minority of the Christians in the country.

Arab observers yesterday said that the conflict over the extent of constitutional reforms was threatening to disrupt the jull in fighting. Leftist circles indicated that unless political progress was made, there could be a new outbreak of fighting in the nine-month-old civil war, which is believed to have resulted so far in the death of 8,000 persons and the wounding of 20,000.

There were bursts of machine-gun fire in Beirut on New Year's eve, but it died down later in the morning as government troops moved into various parts of the city to implement a new truce agreement.

Beirut Radio said last night that there was an air of relative tranquillity in Beirut yesterday although

parts of the city remained unsafe because of the continued presence of armed groups there. The radio reports indicated that tension was still high in other parts of the country, mainly in Tripoli, in the north, and Zahleh, east of Beirut. Unless an expanded government can be established to improve the situation, the Lebanese crisis seems likely to be transferred to the UN Security Council at the request of Christian President Suleiman Franjeh.

The Secretary-General of the Cairo-based Arab League, Mahmoud Riasat, said yesterday that his efforts for a collective Arab peacekeeping move in Lebanon were not making progress. He noted that the Lebanese Government was prepared to accept any proposal agreed upon by the Arab states, but indicated that the Palestine Liberation Organization was proving difficult, and wanted him to consult first with its leaders in Beirut and Damascus. "I cannot go to either capital unless I am invited by the government there," said Riasat.

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Allon wants full-scale Cabinet debate on peace question

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon will lead off a Cabinet discussion on Sunday which will focus initially on his forthcoming visit to Washington but which he hopes, will broaden into a full-scale "political debate."

Mr. Allon will touch on the Palestinian issue, the chances of further interim talks, and on the immediate problem facing Israel: the Security Council debate of January 12.

He envisages the Cabinet debate continuing through the coming weeks, and embracing both Security Council developments and Premier Rabin's visit to Washington, set for the end of this month.

Allon leaves early next week for two days of talks with Dr. Kissinger and other Administration officials.

While Premier Rabin would apparently prefer to have Allon's Washington agenda confined to tactical "co-ordination" for the Security Council debate, Mr. Allon sees his brief as considerably wider.

Sources close to him said he would begin his talks with Kissinger with a wide-ranging survey of the Middle East scene. Hence, his Cabinet statement on Sunday would be similarly wide-ranging.

The State Department has offi-

cially referred to the Allon visit as being "in keeping with our close ties with Israel and our consultations about the forthcoming UN debate."

Allon has already told the Cabinet that he has "new ideas" on the Palestinian issue.

In a speech last weekend he proposed talks with West Bank Palestinian leaders as well as with Jordan. "From the operative standpoint... as we approach the time of negotiations with Jordan, we shall want to have talks with West Bank leaders and with Jordan so as to integrate both of them in the search for a solution..." he said.

Mr. Allon is understood to believe that it is still not too late to seek out or encourage indigenous moderate West Bank leaders as an alternative to the PLO.

Allon's approach in this respect is close to that of the Cabinet doves and the advocate of the "Yariv-Shenoy formula" — inasmuch as he would welcome talks with moderate Palestinians.

In the final analysis, this approach countenances the prospect of a separate Palestinian state or quasi-state on the West Bank.

Mr. Allon feels that the inexorable current of events will force Israel to shift its present position on the Palestinian question. In his view, Israel should try to influence

these events by assisting non-PLO elements to come to the fore.

Mr. Rabin is opposed to the idea of a separate West Bank entity, and it is for this reason that he refuses to adopt the "Yariv-Shenoy formula" (readiness to talk with any Palestinian group that recognizes Israel and desists from terror).

The Premier has preferred to postpone a fundamental discussion of these issues in the Cabinet, but the doves have been pressing for a debate.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Ministry spokesman yesterday denied a report in the "Baltimore Sun" that Mr. Allon would seek "to solicit quiet American support for his effort to modify the hardline stand of Prime Minister Rabin on the Palestinian issue." Allon had been invited to Washington by Dr. Kissinger and would "represent the Israeli Government position," the spokesman said. "All speculation seeking to cast his visit in any other light is quite without foundation."

The Foreign Ministry's deputy director-general, Ephraim Eylon, left yesterday for Panama to meet with its Foreign Minister, and will continue from there to Washington. Panama has become a member of the Security Council, and Eylon will discuss Israel's stand on the Palestine debate.

West Bankers dubious

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Veteran Arab politicians in East Jerusalem yesterday saw little hope of success for Mr. Allon's plan. For one thing they believed it had come too late.

The politicians, who preferred to remain anonymous, said that neither Jordanian officials nor West Bank leaders were in a position to oppose the Palestine Liberation Organization, which the Allon scheme sought to neutralize. The PLO had established itself too firmly as the voice of the Palestinians to be defied either in Jordan or the West Bank.

The politicians believed that Israel had missed its "greatest" chance to move towards a settlement in July 1974, when Egyptian President Anwar Sadat had supported King Hussein's claim for negotiating with Israel for a "disengagement" agree-

ment. This established Jordan rather than the PLO as a partner in a future settlement. In the so-called "Alexandria Declaration" — issued jointly with Hussein, Sadat at the time rejected the PLO claim to be the sole representative of all Palestinians and noted that the organization represented the Palestinians "with the exception of those living in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan."

Observers considered the statement to have been an expression of support for the West Bank, whose inhabitants carry Jordanian citizenship.

The Alexandria declaration, however, was overtaken three months later by the Rabat summit conference which declared the PLO (Continued on page 2, col. 5)

Siboni tie again kills 'Nikui Rosh'

Israel TV's satire programme "Nikui Rosh" was cancelled again last night at the last minute, and again because of an item which could be construed as connected with the Siboni brothers of Mevaseret Yerushalayim.

The cancellation was ordered by Broadcasting Authority director-general Yitzhak Livni, after he previewed the programme. He found that its central skit contained sections that violated an Authority undertaking to the High Court which was made after the two brothers, Albert and Eil, obtained an injunction about a programme scheduled for showing four weeks ago.

That programme, also not broadcast, had included a skit parodying strong-arm tactics reported from Mevaseret Yerushalayim.

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It's official: Labour picks Almogi

By SHAYLA SHAPIRO

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party yesterday formally chose Yosef Almogi as its candidate for chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive.

The party meeting was held in the joint forum of the Central Committee and the Secretariat of the Labour Zionist Movement.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told the meeting that Zionism should aim at reinforcing the ties between the State of Israel — "the base of the Jewish triangle" — with the Jews of free countries and the Jews living under oppression in the two sides of the triangle. Jews must know, especially in countries where they are persecuted, that there is hope.

"Without seeing the Jewish totality, with all its components, and without a solution which takes the state as its base, Zionism will lose its purpose and its goal," Rabin said.

Almogi, who summed up the debate, said that, if elected, he would do his best to reorganize the Zionist Movement to suit its changing needs and foster cooperation between it and the Government of Israel.

Later yesterday, the Mapam leadership decided to meet with Almogi formally before deciding if its members on the Zionist Executive will vote for him as chairman.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy. Outlook for Saturday: Partly cloudy to cloudy, with probable rain. Weather synopsis: A weak ridge over the Eastern Mediterranean causes a northeasterly to southeasterly flow over our region.

Yesterday's Remedy	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem 67	2-13	5-14
Golan 64	0-12	3-13
Nahariya 64	0-12	3-13
Haifa Port 66	10-16	10-16
Tiberias 74	10-16	10-16
Nesher 74	10-16	10-16
Afula 71	6-15	8-15
Shomron 49	10-16	10-16
Tel Aviv 66	10-17	10-17
B.G. Airport 66	8-20	7-20
Jericho 75	10-16	10-16
Gaza 60	6-15	8-15
Sderot 60	6-15	8-15
Eilat 50	6-20	6-20
Tiran Straits 27	12-20	12-20

Social and Personal

The Tiberias Municipality yesterday held its traditional New Year's reception for UN observers, at the Ginton Hotel. Mayor Moshe Tzohar, Col. E. Weissenstein, Col. A. Ziv, and Major General Sgan-Alut Givay Gal were among those who exchanged greetings.

The Anglican Vicar-General, Robert W. Stopford, paid a farewell call on Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek on Tuesday. Yesterday, the Mayor of Johannesburg and Mrs. N. Nette called on Mayor Kolek.

Benny Gitter, industrialist and investor, was elected president of the Israeli Friends of the Hebrew University, at the organization's 12th conference in Jerusalem this week.

An Oneg Shabbat (in English) will be held tonight at Hechal Shlomo in Jerusalem at 8:30 p.m. Rabbi Dr. S.M. Lehman and his wife, Ben-Yakov, political adviser to the Municipality of Jerusalem, will be the speakers. Cantor: Cantor Arye Goldberg. A Melave Malka programme will be held at 8 p.m. tomorrow, with Rabbi David Telmer as guest speaker. Cantor Yehuda Lendner will sing, and a film will be shown. The public is invited.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 8 p.m. tonight, at Hechal Shlomo, 86 Rehov Ben-Zion. Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Dr. Z. Bacharach, Bar-Ilan University, and Alex Levine, settler from South Africa.

The annual bazaar of Akim, the Society for the Mentally Handicapped, of the Tel Aviv-Bat Yam area will open January 5 at the Tel Aviv Hilton under the patronage of Ziva Lahat, wife of the mayor of Tel Aviv. A sale of paintings and sculptures by well-known artists will be featured, as will foreign and local products for sale, and a lottery. The bazaar will be open Monday, January 5, 5:30 to 9 p.m., and Tuesday, January 6, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

BIRTH
BRAYER. — To Lydia and Dr. Laurence Brayer, a son, on December 28, 1975 brother to Eida and Tamar.

ARRIVALS

Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA), and Jacques Torkyan, chairman, administrative board of the ZOA, arrived in Jerusalem to participate in the meeting of the World Zionist Organization (WZO) AD.

DEPARTURES

William Frederick Duisenberg, the Dutch Finance Minister, after a four-day official visit preceded by a week's private visit, left Jerusalem for Amsterdam.

VERED FIRE

SAID ARSON

TEL AVIV. — Investigation of the fire which gutted the Vered furniture shop on Rehov Herzl Tuesday night has revealed the fire was intentionally set.

Investigators revised their preliminary hypothesis of accidental fire, when they found three separate locations from which the fire spread. The police, meanwhile, have detained another suspect, the earlier fire at the Mars furniture shop.

In deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved

LILI SELIGSOHN

née Katz
after a prolonged illness.

The funeral will leave today, Friday, January 2, 1976, at 12 noon from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Daphna, Tel Aviv, for the Holon Cemetery. Transportation will be provided.

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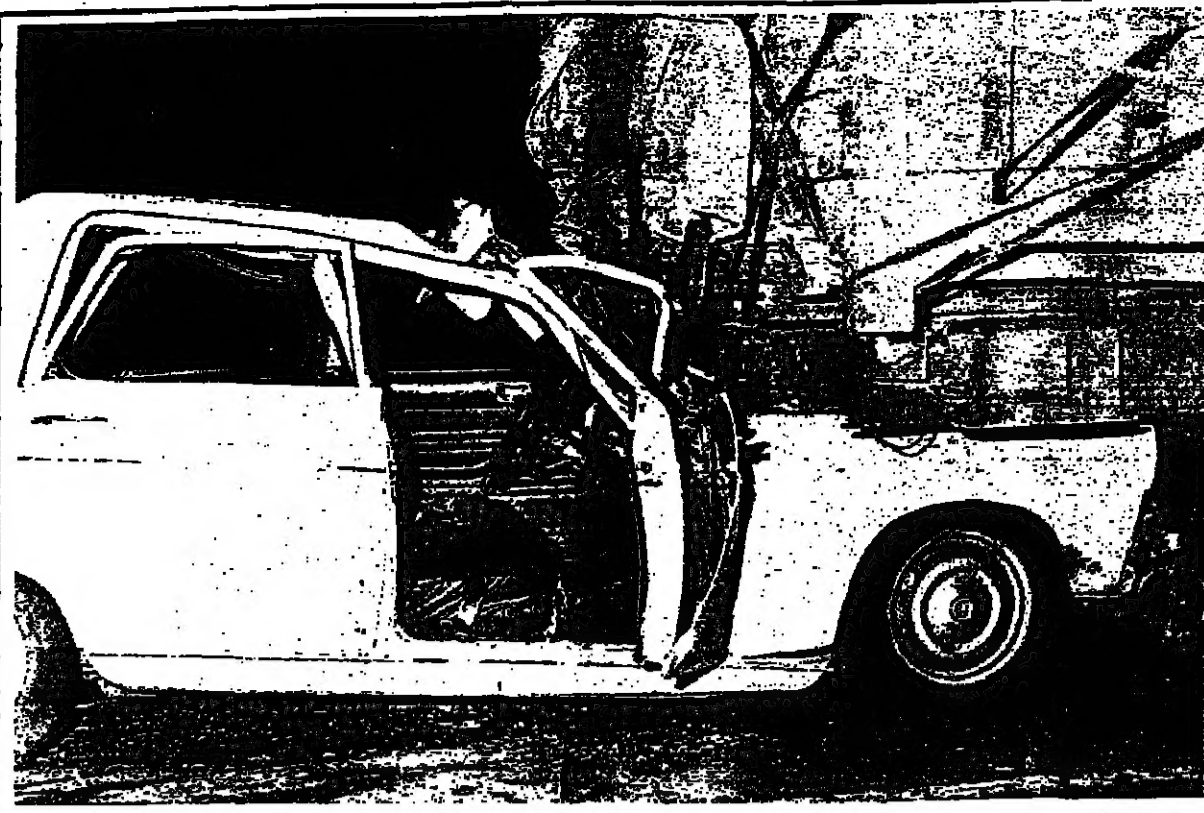
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DAVID ZVI TAUB

BEREK SHWARZBERG



The driver of this car, which crashed into a truck at Sha'ar Hagai Wednesday night, was one of five persons reported killed in road accidents during the past two days. Three of the five victims were toddlers. Numerous other persons were injured.

Fighting defamation of the Jews

By AARON SITNER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A STEADY FLOW of 28-minute colour films on Israel and its problems, now being circulated among 200 independent television stations in the U.S., has become one of the most potent tools in this country's *hasbara* (information) programme.

The project — undertaken by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith — is directed by ADL General Counsel Arnold Forster, who narrates the films. The two latest in the series were shown to reporters in Jerusalem this week. In one of them, Mr. Forster talks to four Israeli Arabs in different walks of life, and in the other he visits the Belkind family in Rishon LeZion where he speaks to three generations of Jewish settlers.

Yesterday morning Mr. Forster began work on his latest film — a documentary on present-day Be'er Sheva and its many different types of immigrants.

"Politics is not my motivation," Forster told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. "My main preoccupation is to fight the defamation of the Jewish People. When speakers at the United Nations accuse Israel and Zionism of being racist I feel it my duty to show the world that that just isn't so."

"For example, when UNESCO charged Israel with defiling Jerusalem with its archaeological digs, I made a film with Teddy Kolek and Mervon Benvenisti which showed that this work is just as important for Christian and Moslem history as for Jewish history."

"To explain why Israel refuses to negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization, I took my camera crew to Ma'alot and Kiryat Shmona, to show the world what the PLO really stands for."

During his stay in Israel, Ahimark met with the Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, Defence Minister, leaders of the Liberal Party and Members of Knesset. (Jtm)

Poor olive crop

ACRE — This year's olive crop was the worst in several decades, the head of the Tobacco and Olive Council, Azar Artal, said yesterday.

Both crops are grown mainly by Galilee Arabs.

'Joint' moves its Israel headquarters to Jerusalem

By ERNIE MEYER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"The Government can take an example from the Joint," Mayor Teddy Kolek said yesterday morning, as he congratulated the American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) on moving its Israel headquarters from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

In his first official act after becoming executive vice-chairman of JDC, Ralph Goldman affixed the JDC name plate to the building at 81 Sderot Herzl in Beit Hakerem in a modest ceremony.

Goldman said the move to Jerusalem marks the culmination of JDC's change from direct operation of health, welfare and education programmes here to handing these over to local authorities. JDC from now on will merely assist these programmes, although its annual expenditure in Israel will remain at its earlier level of about IL10m, he said.

In reversal of "Parkinson's Law" the Joint will save about IL3m, annually by reducing its staff by two-thirds, which means that more of its money will reach beneficiaries directly. JDC has sold its Tel Aviv headquarters (for IL17m, to the Jewish Agency) and dismissed its entire staff of 70 there at a cost of some IL5m in severance pay. The staff, which included doctors, accountants, social workers, secretaries and drivers, had all been long aware of the planned move. This and the generous severance pay, which came to IL250,000 for some long-time employees, turned the potentially painful move into one that could serve as a model in labour relations, Goldman said. The Jerusalem office opens with five workers but will eventually have a staff of 25.

JDC hopes in about three years it will move into its permanent "Ramat HaJoint" headquarters on the seven-dunam plot at the entrance to the Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus, which already houses its Brookdale Institute.

Goldman, who has been JDC's assistant director since 1969, is moving to New York with the assumption of Joint's top executive job, following the retirement of Samuel Haber. "JDC spends about 40 per cent of its annual budget in Israel, and I will spend about the same percentage of my time in Israel," Goldman said.

A PENNY BEGGED

IS A PENNY SAVED

NETANYA. — Relatives who came to clean house for a family of beggars in the Dora quarter here discovered thousands of pounds in change — in bags, and boxes piled to the ceiling.

The Netanya police chief, Rav-Pakad Kalman Bornstein, reported the incident at a press conference in his office yesterday.

The family of three — father, 72, mother, 65, and daughter, 43 — were familiar figures around Netanya. Bornstein explained. When the mother and daughter fell ill and were hospitalized, relatives came to clean the house, and discovered the treasure.

News of the discovery reached police when curious neighbours saw the relatives loading sacks and they brought out of the house into a taxi. The relatives told police that they had been about to notify the authorities themselves.

Bornstein said the money was still being counted, and that he would ask the Administrator General in the Justice Ministry to decide what should be done with it. The beggars, he said, were apparently either mentally retarded or emotionally disturbed and "lived in filthy, substandard conditions. He also reported that police had found bank books indicating the couple — who received National Insurance payments, but no welfare aid — had some IL10,000 in savings.

The old man, who was present while his wealth was discovered and carted away, hardly batted an eye. (Nhm)

Get out by midnight

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ed by Captain Eaim Harari, have left the ship and flown to New York for the trip home, in accordance with an agreement between the Israel Seamen's Union (Officers), the owners of the ship and the Israel Transport Ministry's Shipping Division.

The ratings are said to have agreed to leave the ship only if their overtime claims are settled first. The captain has refused to accept the claims because he believes them exaggerated. Some are said to run to 400 hours of overtime for one month.

The Israel Transport Ministry, the owners and the Israel Consul in Houston, Texas, have done their utmost to get the 17 seamen to leave the U.S. without their having to be removed forcibly from the ship.

Yehoshua Goldstein, General Manager of Tanker Services, said last night that he had instructed the company's representative in the U.S. dealing with the strike to offer the ratings the money due to them and to deposit the amount of the controversial claims, with the Zim general manager, Yehuda Rotem, as trustee, pending the examination of the claims. This follows a request by the Transport Ministry in Jerusalem, but by last night it was not yet certain whether the seamen would accept this compromise and agree to leave the ship.

Once all the crew are off the boat, another crew will be flown to the U.S. to take the vessel to Europe, where she is to be mothballed until the situation in the world shipping market improves.

Named to labour courts

President Ephraim Kahbar on Wednesday swore in Dr. Stefan Adler as a district labour court judge.

The ceremony was attended by Justice Minister Haim Zadok, the President of the National Labour Court, Zvi Bar-Nir, and the Director of Courts, Judge Moshe Nachshon.

West Bank

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The East Jerusalem politicians said that neither Jordan nor West Bank leaders were likely to involve themselves in peace negotiations "unless local leaders could carry to Amman a concrete Israeli peace formula promising a withdrawal to slightly amended lines along the pre-1967 borders as well as the return of Arab administration in the Old City of Jerusalem."

Only when Israel had presented such a formula would Hussein possibly be able to persuade the Arab states to give him a role again. Even then, however, they would insist that he coordinate his moves with the PLO.

The politicians said that a new peace initiative for the West Bank was unlikely to neutralise the PLO, "but rather the movement's radical wing." This wing would oppose any settlement which fell short of the establishment of a "secular Palestinian state," to include Israel proper.

The view of the politicians was that the longer peace talks over the West Bank were "stalled," the stronger would become the PLO's claim.

The outcome of the Security Council debate on January 12 — when the PLO will participate — was expected to affect political thinking of the West Bank, where municipal elections are due to be held next April.

CLAL DENIES IT'S SHORT OF CASH

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Clal corporation yesterday denied a report that it had applied to the Treasury for a special loan to cover alleged liquidity difficulties. The report, the lead story in yesterday's "Ha'aretz," said the firm, Israel's largest conglomerate, had asked for the loan to bridge the time until the Treasury approves a \$150m bond issue which Clal Industries wants to float.

Clal's spokesman said yesterday that Clal had applied only for approval of the bond issue, which is a routine way of raising money in business.

He denied that the conglomerate was having liquidity problems. Clal has asked that the Treasury grant "linkage insurance" when the bonds are issued — a guarantee that any depreciation in the bonds' face value due to devaluations will be made up by the Government. But this is common practice in Israel, and most bond issues are insured.

It was understood last night that "Ha'aretz" is publishing Clal's denial this morning without any further substantiation of its own charges.

Eilat's workers will fight to save Timna mines

Jerusalem Post Reporter

EILAT. — Workers committees representing most of Eilat's workers hinted last night they might go out on a general strike if the Government should close down the Timna copper mines. Confronting at Beit Timna, they said they were gearing for a fight "for Eilat's very existence."

The secretary of the Ministerial Economic Committee yesterday confirmed that a decision on the future operations of Timna is due when the committee meets this Sunday.

Michael Nir told *The Jerusalem Post*, "Some months ago a four-minister committee was set up to study the economic feasibility of continuing operations at Timna, in view of changing conditions on the world copper market. That committee — consisting of Ministers Bar-Lev, Ya'acobi, Rabinowitz and

Baram — has now completed its study. Barring a change of agenda, the committee will take a decision on Sunday regarding the mines."

Trade circles noted that the commodity is currently priced at about \$550 a ton on the London Metals Market, while production costs at Timna average close to \$1,000 per ton.

Since copper prices tend to swing rather sharply, a decision to close the mines need not be a permanent one. However, if most of the 800 workers are laid off — even temporarily — this would aggravate the employment problem in Eilat.

Earlier this week, Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi suggested that a quick start in construction of Eilat's new airport would help provide jobs for a large number of Timna workers if they are dismissed.

Coat firm owners held on tax evasion, smuggling

TEL AVIV. — Six persons suspected of income tax evasion, illegal conversion of foreign currency and smuggling of goods, all connected with the Yutux coat manufacturing firm in Ashdod, were remanded into custody for five to ten days by a magistrate here yesterday.

The investigation leading to their arrest was conducted with the cooperation of West German authorities, since one of the suspects was in Germany.

The suspects are Yosef Akman, 55, of Tel Aviv, owner of the Yutux firm; his wife Maria, 43; Yehuda Cantor, 27, an Israeli living in Germany; (and the Akmans' landlord); Yosef Zuckenberg, 66, of Tel Aviv, supervisor of sales for the firm; Avraham Kokshtvill, 40, of Tel Aviv; and Avraham Mamlstrov, 45, of Savon, the proprietor of an antiquities shop.

The owners of the firm are suspected of faking their books to avoid paying hundreds of thousands of pounds in income tax annually, smuggling goods into the country with falsified customs declarations, and illegal conversion of currency.

Three separate agencies are investigating the case: customs, income tax, and the fraud investigations section of police.

Cantor, who lives in Germany, and distributes the coats in Europe, allegedly helped the Akmans gather the foreign currency which they converted illegally.

The investigators also say they seized from the Yutux factory and store IL1m, worth of goods suspected as smuggled. Taxes due on the goods were estimated at IL15m. The Akmans are also suspected of having used raw materials for which an additional IL4m should have been paid.

The firm's sales manager, Yosef Zuckenberg, allegedly assisted the couple by neglecting to register sales in his records.

The Liberal Council, which was meeting for the first time since the national Liberal convention last month, re-elected Rehovot Mayor Shmuel Reichtman as its chairman.

A 196-man central committee was also chosen — 25 more than the number prescribed in the party constitution — to give more representation to party keymen. The committee will meet later this month.

Group formed to save Old City of Safad

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A "Save Safad Committee" has been formed by a group of local residents and people from other towns with the aim of halting the destruction of the Old City.

The committee is concerned with the fate of the old Sephardi quarter, particularly the synagogues of Rabbi Yitzhak Lurie (the "Ar") and of Rabbi Yosef Hana, and Rabbi Shlomo Alkabetz, the house of the Abot-family, and the starting point of the annual Lag Be'Omer procession from Safad to the grave of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yohai at Meron.

"We want to see these historic treasures preserved and restored. They are in danger from zealous developers and building contractors," the founding committee stated.

The retired Haifa District Court President, Ya'acov Azrael, Prof. Zvi Abou, Chief Rabbi David Dayan of Safad, and some city councillors are among those elected to the executive of the committee.

Begin: Hazan plan would split J'lem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Herut leader Menachem Begin yesterday suggested the plan for Jerusalem suggested earlier this week by Mapam veteran Ya'acov Hazan as "conducive to virtual division of the city."

Begin, who was speaking to his party's central committee, said that giving rule of the Old City to representatives of the three major religions, as proposed by Hazan, would "open the Pandora's box of internationalization of the Holy City."

The Israel Government, Begin continued, should have sent all democratic governments and Security Council members copies of the recent statement by PLO spokesman Farouk Kaddumi that Begin "would sooner or later realize that she has no right to exist." This was proof of the real intentions of the PLO, he noted.

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New bonds mooted to curb banks' profits

By GIDION ESENET
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

A proposal to issue a new index-linked bond to be sold only to banks (to cover their savings schemes) and have a rate of return of about 5 per cent (compared to 6.2 per cent today) is currently being discussed in the Treasury.

The reason for lowering the rate

Court upholds IL120,000 fee for Y. S. Shapiro

TEL AVIV. — The District Court here yesterday rejected a request by the State to reduce the arbitration fee set by former Justice Minister Ya'acov Shimshon Shapiro for handling a dispute between the Government and the bus cooperatives.

Instead, Judge Yosef Harish ruled that the State pay IL120,000 costs, in addition to the IL120,000 to Shapiro.

Shapiro had been asked, shortly after he resigned as Justice Minister, to arbitrate on the subsidies the Government should pay the bus co-ops, following a rise in petrol prices.

After 12 arbitration sessions, Shapiro determined that the Government should pay the co-ops the IL20m. they had demanded — and presented a bill for IL120,000. His claim that this was a reasonable fee was supported in court by the former head of the Chamber of Advocates, Yehoshua Rotenshtein, and its current president, Yitzhak Tulk.

Judge Harish said he would publish his reasoned judgment at a later date.

Aloni announces she's Citizens Rights again

By SEAYIA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Ya'ad Knesset Members Shulamit Aloni and Boaz Mevav — who a fortnight ago declared that Ya'ad no longer exists — yesterday announced they were resuming the leadership of the Citizens Rights Movement.

But their announcement was immediately challenged by Ram Ron, who has maintained a rump Citizens Rights Movement since Aloni led the CRM majority and the three CRM Knesset members into the merger with Labour Party and Shulamit Aloni, who had been the CRM's breakaway that established the Ya'ad movement last May.

(Ya'ad's one-time MK, Arye Eliaz, is expected to form a new parliamentary grouping with the third ex-CRM Knesset member, Marcia Friedman. The new grouping may retain the Ya'ad name, sources say.)

Aloni and Mevav made their announcement through a spokesman at the Helsinki Street headquarters of Ya'ad here. Yesterday the offices, which before the merger had housed the CRM headquarters, were again identifying themselves over the telephone as "Ratz" (the election symbol used by the CRM in the last election.)

Ron, who was Aloni's manager in the 1973 campaign, meanwhile issued a statement saying his former col-

Troubled waters stirred up in the Knesset

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Troubled waters are being stirred up in the Knesset, in the administration and in the Knesset's maintenance chief, Reuven Cohen, who returned to work last week after several months of suspension on allegations of irregularity which did not result in criminal charges, has crossed swords with Knesset Clerk Netanel Lorch.

Cohen may face proceedings in a disciplinary tribunal for moonlighting.

Cohen, who says that Lorch tried vainly to get criminal charges filed against him, accuses Lorch of getting maintenance jobs done in his home, by Knesset employees, on Knesset time. Lorch says that this was done while he was abroad, without his knowledge and against his wishes.

The House Committee, which aired this complicated affair, decided to appoint two trouble-shooters — Aviad Yaffe (Alignment) and Avraham Katz (Likud) — to draft recommendations about "internal control in the Knesset administration."

Israel Radio reporter Avner Tavori gave prominence to the affair in two closely researched magazine items, which turned the parliamentary searchlight on a little-known aspect of the Knesset.

THE JAFFORA soft-drink firm was fined IL2,000 in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court on Wednesday for five cases of unexpected objects — insects, fungus, mushrooms, sand and (one) ant — found in Schweppes and Mitz-Paz drinks which it bottles.

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THE FIGURES FOR 1975 Immigration offset by emigration

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's population (excluding the administered areas) rose by 69,000 in 1975 — all of it due to excess of births over deaths. The Arab population grew by 18,000 (to 537,000), the Jewish population by 51,000. The total number of inhabitants at the end of the year was only 10,000 short of 3.5 million.

Immigration came to 20,000; but this was offset by emigration. Exact figures are not yet known.

Those who left in 1974 and had not come back 12 months later are considered as having ceased to reside here. Their number was 17,000.

Another test is a comparison of arrivals and departures within the 12 months January-December 1975. During that time 282,000 Israelis departed, and 286,000 re-entered the country — a difference of 4,000.

In 1974 the shortfall was 29,000. This larger figure was due to the return abroad of foreign-domiciled Israelis, who had come the year before to fight in the Yom Kippur War.)

Tourists in Israel numbered 617,500 last year, a slight decline (of 1.5 per cent) compared with 1974.

On the economic front, Israel's output fell by 1.2 per cent in 1975, and living standards declined by 5 per cent per capita. But exports rose by 3.4 per cent in real terms, despite the world trade recession.

Cuts in consumption affected mainly durables. Car sales dropped by more than half. The marketing of clothing and personal affects was also down — by 5 per cent. People ate less sweetmeats (owing to the high cost of sugar), drank less tea, coffee and liquor.

On the other hand they consumed slightly more eggs (2 per cent) and vegetables (5 per cent). Turnover in meat, milk, butter and cheese was unchanged.

Investments fell by 10 per cent in 1975, after a 1 per cent fall the year before. They were over one-quarter less than prior to the Yom Kippur War. The main cut took place in building.

Investments in machinery and equipment rose by 3 per cent, after remaining unchanged in 1974.

There was some shift in the source of these investment goods. Figures show that the amount of machinery and equipment imported from abroad expanded by 7 per cent, while orders placed locally sagged by 5 per cent.

Sarah Honig adds:
El Al reports a sharp rise in tourism to Israel during December, and its spokesman says the outlook for the coming months is equally rosy. The increase, the spokesman stressed, was exclusively in regularly scheduled flights.

According to El Al, the total traffic through Ben-Gurion Airport last month was 70,000 people, 55,000 of whom were tourists. This represents a rise of 38 per cent over December 1974. El Al's share in transporting passengers in both directions was 56 per cent.

The company said only 1,700 tourists arrived on charter flights, chiefly from the Scandinavian countries.

Think tank lost utopian aims World Institute to close down, founder withdrawing support

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The World Institute, the ambitious think tank in Jerusalem, will close shop at the end of this month.

Informed sources said last night that the founder of the institute, American multi-millionaire Julius Stulman, had decided to stop supporting it because its orientation had deviated from its utopian concepts and it had become instead a problem-solving instrument for the Government.

The institute, which has employed

as many as 30 researchers at one time, has done studies into Israel's objectives in the Common Market ways of encouraging industrial investment, and other practical areas including transport and housing, in which its findings have helped shape government policies.

"Stulman was interested in the future of the human being," said one source yesterday, explaining Stulman's disenchantment with the institute he founded.

The present director of the institute is Max Singer, former president of the Hudson Institute, one of America's best-known think tanks.

According to an informed source, Stulman lost interest in the institute three years ago, when its practical orientation became clear. He nevertheless honoured his original pledge that he would support it for at least five years. The five years end this month.

Stulman, who is from New York, is due to visit Israel within the next two months. Several sources indicated yesterday that he might resume the activities of the institute, but in line with his visionary concepts.

The cargo city idea, as ambitious as that might sound, only hints at Stulman's ultimate objective in this area — the creation of a computerized brain centre monitoring and organizing the flow of containerized products throughout the world.

"He's felt that there's a lot of waste in the international transfer of materials," said a man who knows him. "You have a raw material being shipped half way around the world to be processed with other raw materials, and then a semi-finished product being shipped half way around the world again. His idea was to come up with a comprehensive understanding of where things were moving and then to orchestrate them. This brain centre would be at a level above the multi-national corporation. He thought of it back in 1939, before there were such things as multi-national corporations."

The Government is supposed to match Stulman's contributions to the institute, but it has reportedly

Gas explodes in J'lem villa

A gas balloon explosion yesterday morning caused damage estimated at IL400,000 to a two-storey house owned by the Kahla family, at 66 Rehov Shmaryahu Levin in Jerusalem's Kiryat Mayove.

The explosion occurred when Aliza Rosen, 25, living in the ground floor, went outside to open the balcony valves, as she had found she had no gas. She suffered shock. The entire ground floor of the house was ruined, and damage was also caused to the upper story, where the Kahla's live.

The four gas balloons all began to burn, and flames had to be called to the scene. It is believed the explosion was caused by the stove tap being left open while Miss Rosen went outside to open the valve.

(Itm)

Longer terms for attacking guards

TEL AVIV. — Four convicted felons who knifed one of their jailers and took another hostage in an unsuccessful attempt to escape from Ramle Prison last year had several more years added Wednesday to their already long sentences.

The four are convicted murderers Salomon Abu and Eytan Hiyva, who got seven and six years respectively, added to their life sentences; and robbers Uri Mizrahi and Avraham Bahjan, who got four and three years (respectively) added to their 15-year terms.

The court found that Hiyva knifed jailer Zehavi on 10 days in April 1974 as the officer was turning off the common-room TV. Zehavi managed to escape from Hiyva and Abu, who was armed with a pistol, but the two and their comrades managed to capture jailer Moshe Feivish and then threatened to mutilate him if their demands were not met. They eventually surrendered.

More Grocers Fined For Hoarding Oil

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — Three grocers in Migdal Ha'emek were fined yesterday for hoarding oil and refusing to sell it to their customers.

David Alon and Elyahu Dehan were fined IL2,000 each. Close to a ton of oil was found in their stores.

Esther Levy, who had hoarded less, was let off with IL1,000. They all were ordered to pay the fines in cash.

Earlier this week two Haifa grocers were fined for the same offence.

Policeman charged in petrol theft

HAIFA. — Charges of stealing petrol from a police station were filed in District Court here yesterday against policeman Avraham Debrashvili, 27, of Kiryat Ata.

The charges said Debrashvili, who was stationed in Acre last year, stole several hundred litres of petrol by filling containers he brought with him, then falsifying the supply forms at the police station.

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Coins Corp. may be less generous

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation may soon change its policy on distributing its products, following criticism by the State Comptroller of its excessive generosity.

The criticism — which revealed what amounted to a IL18,750 gift to a former IGCNC board chairman — is expected to be the main topic when the present board meets in Jerusalem on Monday.

It has meanwhile been learned that Attorney General Aharon Barak has asked the police to look into the State Comptroller's findings on IGCNC.

The State Comptroller's report, which was released last Monday, had said that a commemorative coin was sold to a former IGCNC board chairman in June 1973 for its face value, IL250. The coin's market value then had been IL19,000.

The report had also noted that a few months before this the board decided to present the present director-general, Yitzhak Avni, with one unit each of every coin and medal ever issued by IGCNC, or to be issued in the future. On the date that decision was taken, the market value of the existing coins in this grant was reportedly about IL27,000.

In another instance many Knesset members, army officers and public officials were given the gold 25th Israel Anniversary Coin. The coins came from inventory made available when many regular subscribers did not take advantage of their right to buy the coin at issue price.

Shechterman called on the nation to save another 10 per cent of its fuel consumption in 1976, which would save \$60m. in import costs.

Replying, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz said the Committee of Ministers for Economic Affairs would shortly discuss a new series of fuel-saving proposals.

Kiryat Arba settlers ask permission to pay taxes

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT ARBA. — Leaders of the settlers here said on Wednesday that they wanted to pay taxes like all Israelis.

Although they are exempt because they live and work in the administered areas, they want to be subject to Israeli laws, Yigal Klein, spokesman for the local committee, said.

The settlers also demanded that the military official heading the local council be removed. One of their grievances was that he has vetoed all the council's activities which were of political significance.

Klein accused the Government of attempting "to strangle" Kiryat Arba, with their main complaint being housing.

The settlers maintain there is a housing shortage, but the spokesman for the Ministry of Housing, Yehuda Laleh, has claimed that of 90 flats offered in homes offered by the ministry. Forty registered for the first lottery, but most candidates changed their minds due to "faulty treatment" by ministry officials, according to the settlers.

Arye Rosenberg, of the local committee, criticized Minister of Commerce and Industry Haim Bar-Lev for planning to reduce development assistance to Kiryat Arba.

Bar-Lev explained yesterday that his ministry's budget was cut by 25 per cent, requiring cuts in aid.

Rabinowitz promises more Galilee aid
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MA'ALOT. — The Government is more conscious than in the past of Galilee's problems and the need to increase its population, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz said here yesterday. The Minister, who was touring this Galilee development town, promised to intensify the encouragement of industry, housing, and other investments in Galilee despite the cuts in the State budget.

Local Council chairman Eli Ben-Yaacov warned him: "We feel frustrated and forgotten. If something meaningful is not done in Galilee in the next few years, it will be a cause for everlasting regret."

Lower-league footballers back in action tomorrow

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — League C and D soccer clubs will be back in action tomorrow, when 50 teams from these lower divisions will engage in cup matches.

All fixtures in the two divisions were cancelled for four weeks by the Football Association after the fatal stabbing of Rehovot Maccabi's star mid-field player, Mordechai Klend, 24, during a League C "Derby" match against Kfar Givoli on December 6. Shimon Karawa, 17, of Kfar Givoli, has been indicted for the murder.

Security arrangements have been improved at all 25 League C and D grounds being used tomorrow, and most of them already have the mandatory 21-metre-high fence, FA spokesman Ya'acov Erel told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

Although the stipulated 15 ushers will be on duty at every game, negotiations have not been completed with the Student Union for it to provide at least four guards — armed, if possible — at third and fourth-division matches, unless police are on duty. (However, the police have made it clear to the FA that they have not sufficient manpower to extend the security now given to the National League and League A to the lower divisions, which also include League B.)

The security problem will only become acute Saturday week, when 230 clubs in the third and fourth divisions return to league competition, Erel said.

An inspection made earlier this week by the FA and the Football Referees Union of all 180 League C and D grounds from Ayelet Hashahar to Eliat indicates that at present between 30 and 40 of them do not meet minimum security conditions. Until the matter is rectified, the clubs using these grounds will have to play their home fixtures on neighbouring fields.

Kfar Givoli have still not appealed to the high court of the Football Association against the FA disciplinary committee's much-criticized decision of December 10 to disband the club and bar its players from joining any other team for the next five years. The appeal is expected to be submitted shortly, however.

Rugby tomorrow at Hebrew Univ.
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Hebrew University XV tomorrow host Kibbutz Yizre'el in a National Rugby League fixture at Givat Ram's Grossberg Stadium. Kickoff is at 2 p.m.

The Hebrew University, with four points from three games, are currently in second place in the league. Kibbutz lead the table, having won all their four matches this season. Yizre'el are third, with two points.

Sweden, with maximum points from their two matches, look like the winning team in Group B. Though Switzerland (2 points) could still pip them on the post if they pull off an upset victory by a big margin. Denmark and Rumania, each with only 1 point, are out of the running. In the other section, Greece have 2 points and Austria 1 (each from one match) so both have everything to play for.

So far the tournament has been marked by a standard football and meagre attendance — no doubt partly due to the cold and damp

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Busy month seen for new UN Council

NEW YORK. — The UN Security Council got a new blood yesterday as it headed into what may prove one of its busiest months yet.

A third of the 15 members of the Council were replaced.

Libya, Panama, Pakistan, Benin (formerly Dahomey) and Rumania began two-year terms, succeeding Mauritania, Costa Rica, Iraq, Cameroon and Ecuador. The General Assembly elected them all in October.

In campaigning for the Council seat, Panama signaled the intention to use it as a vantage point from which to press the U.S. for an early and favourable settlement of the Panama Canal issue.

Libya and Pakistan both belong to the anti-Israeli Islamic Conference, and Libya's leader, Muammar Gaddafi, is one of Israel's fiercest opponents.

Rumania, on the other hand, is the only Communist country that has diplomatic relations with Israel and pursues a foreign policy line that sometimes differs from the Soviet Union's.

The Council's January 12 debate on the Middle East, with the PLO participating, will be followed later this month with discussions on Southwest Africa and Rhodesia.

Countries remaining on the Council are Guyana, Italy, Japan, Sweden, Tanzania and the five permanent members — Britain, China, France, the Soviet Union and the U.S. (AP)

U.S. populace up 1.8m. in '75

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. Census Bureau estimated Wednesday that in 1975 the U.S. population was 1.8 million larger than at the end of 1974.

It estimated the population, as of October 1, 1975, at 215,005,859. During 1974 the population had increased by 1.6 million, and during 1973 by 1.5 million.

While the number of births and deaths during 1974 and 1975 remained steady, at 3.2 million and 1.9 million respectively each year, the gain was attributed to greater immigration in 1975. (AP)



Yugoslav President Tito and his wife Jovanka Broz dancing in the New Year's Eve celebration they attended in Zagreb's Intercontinental Hotel. (AP radiophoto)

'Terror won't stop Austria from helping refugees'

VIENNA. — Chancellor Bruno Kreisky said yesterday that terrorist attacks would never deter Austria from providing hospitality for international organizations and refugees.

The Chancellor defended his action in permitting pro-Arab terrorists who attacked OPEC headquarters in Vienna 12 days ago to leave Austria with their hostages. He said the decision prevented further bloodshed.

Austria would deal with terror incidents in the future also "in a pragmatic way, deciding each case on its merits," Dr. Kreisky said in a New Year's Day message.

The Chancellor said the attack on OPEC, the second terrorist action in Austria in two years, had provoked questions of whether Austria should renounce its international and humanitarian activities.

"An ostrich-like policy has never yet borne fruit," the Chancellor declared. "There are countries without international organizations and without refugee transit facilities, which have been affected just the same by terrorism."

Apart from OPEC, two UN agencies — dealing with atomic energy and industrial development — have headquarters in Vienna. A new "UN City" for more international organizations is being built. The Austrian Red Cross runs a transit centre for Russian Jewish emigrants en route to Israel.

In 1973, Arab terrorists seized three Jewish refugees on a train and held them hostage until Dr. Kreisky agreed to limit Israeli participation in the transit programme.

Dr. Kreisky said the most important element in dealing with terrorism was to "do everything to solve any problem which inflames terrorism." (Reuters)

RAID. — A British immigrant and his African servant were killed in a hail of bullets by black guerrillas Tuesday at Oshadi, in Eastern Ovamboland in South-West Africa, police reported yesterday. Officials said the attackers were armed with Soviet AK-47 automatic rifles, and later raided an Anglican Mission clinic in the town.

Little hope for peace in Lebanon

By IAN MACDOWALL

BEIRUT. — The old year died unmourned in Lebanon and, after almost nine months of intermittent civil war, the New Year dawned with no real prospect of a secure peace.

New Years are traditionally raucous and colourful affairs in Beirut, with nightlong parties in private homes and the spoiled children of the Lebanese wealthy touring the city's nightspots in glossy American cars, horns blaring.

This New Year was sourly different. At dusk the streets were once more abandoned to the rival gunmen of the Christian and Moslem factions, sheltering behind barricades of sodden sandbags or in the doorways of ruined buildings.

Occasional security forces patrols sloshed past through water running from broken mains and sewers. Rats scurried over the rotting piles of garbage on street corners.

Civilians stayed at home in a city that has largely divided itself into two ghettos, one Christian and one Moslem. By day they risk the sniper's bullet in the street, by night the danger of being picked up by the prowling patrols of gunmen of the rival faith if they stray from their immediate neighbourhood.

And, as 1976 dawned, there was little cause for hope that the new year would see the end of the law of the gun and the restoration of the authority of a state whose constitutional structure has proved too frail and anachronistic to survive the pressures of a growing Moslem population and the powerful "Pa-

istian" terrorist presence in Lebanon.

The balance sheet of 1975 for Lebanon is one of unrelieved disaster.

In human terms there are the (officially estimated) 8,000 to 10,000 dead and the 15,000 to 20,000 wounded.

Then there are the refugees. Between 300,000 and 400,000 people — more than one-tenth of the population — have packed their valuables and fled to Syria, Jordan, Egypt, the Gulf, or Europe. Tens of thousands more have sought shelter in relatively safer areas away from the main battle zones and among people of their own faith.

Human life and dignity have counted for nothing. Innocent people have lived in degrading fear of kidnapping, torture, or summary execution. They have feared for their homes and possessions as gangsters roamed the city, looting houses, flats, and shops, shooting down anyone who opposed them.

Children have suffered, confined to their homes for days and weeks at a time and robbed of six months of schooling.

In political terms the viability of Lebanon as a unitary state in which Christians and Moslems — the latter now apparently in a majority — can live at peace has received a grievous and possibly mortal blow.

In economic terms the damage has been devastating. Dr. Mirwan Nassar, first executive secretary of the Association of Lebanese Industrialists and a leading economist, made the following estimate for "Reuters":

• Total economic losses since April — \$3,000m.

- Material losses to industry in factories and stock destroyed — \$100m.
- Value of lost industrial production — \$400m.
- Number of commercial firms destroyed or bankrupted — 500 to 700.
- Value of loss of business in commercial sector — \$500m.
- Damage to schools, offices, hotels, etc. — \$500m.
- Current unemployment level in industrial sector — 85 per cent.

In addition about 500 firms, foreign and Lebanese, have moved their Middle East headquarters from Beirut to other Mideast countries, none of which has Beirut's range of facilities.

Lebanon has to look back to 1860, when 20,000 Christians were massacred by Druse tribesmen, to find a parallel for murder and atrocities on such a scale between the country's religious communities. To rebuild confidence between Christians and Moslems after last year's bloodletting will be a slow and painful task.

The fear and distrust that divide the communities account for the immense difficulty of finding common ground for a new constitutional structure which would assure the security of the Christians while granting the Moslems, hitherto politically and economically underprivileged, a bigger share of power and prosperity.

Despite the professional optimism of the politicians it is hard to conceive of a compromise that would satisfy both parties. (Reuters)

Actor Attenborough, cellist Du Pre on this year's UK Honours List

LONDON. — Actor Richard Attenborough, one of Britain's best-loved stars, is to be knighted by Queen Elizabeth, according to the New Year's Honours List published today.

Also on the list is cellist Jacques Du Pre, wife of conductor and pianist Daniel Barenboim, whom the Queen has made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE). The 30-year-old former child prodigy, who made her international debut in London at 16, had her brilliant career cut short two years ago when she was stricken with multiple sclerosis, a chronic disease of the nervous system.

The 52-year-old Attenborough, a director and producer as well as a star for three decades, will be joining John Gielgud and Ralph Richardson among the British actors who have been knighted for their services to the stage.

The diminutive Attenborough, who has starred in dozens of movies, including "Brighton Rock", "The Ship That Died of Shame", "A Severed Head" and "10 Rillington Place", was honoured once before by the Queen. She made him a Commander of the British Empire (CBE) in 1967 for his work in show-business charities.

The monarch bestows the honours twice a year, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister. They range from peerages to awards for bravery and cover virtually all aspects of endeavour. The 1,000 persons named this year include:

- Novelist and philosopher Iris Murdoch, who is made a CBE. Among her best-sellers are "A Severed Head".
- Bearded 40-year-old mountaineer



Among those honoured — Richard Attenborough and Iris Murdoch.



Chris Bonington, who led British climbers who conquered Mt. Everest by the southwest face in September. He is made a CBE. So is James Allen, a soft-spoken, little-known government official, who negotiated a cease-fire with Irish Republican Army terrorists in Northern Ireland earlier this year. Allen is Assistant Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

John Diefenbaker, Prime Minister of Canada between 1957 and 1963. He is made a member of the Order of the Companions of Honour (CBE), an exclusive order dating from 1917. Only 65 persons can hold the honour at one time.

Li-Cmdr. Alan McGregor, who gave flight instruction to Prince Charles, the Queen's eldest son. He is made a Member of the Royal Victorian Order (MVO).

White-haired Mrs. May Grear, who has run a post office in the remote Scottish village of Benthpath for 62 years. She gets the British Empire Medal (BEM) for her services to the community. (AP)

Egypt approves slightly smaller budget for '76

CAIRO. — Egypt will spend about 5,970 million Egyptian pounds (about £170,770m.) during 1976, under the new budget approved by the People's Assembly (parliament). The reduced budget, down nearly 166 million pounds (about £4,966m.) on last year's, follows a press campaign against so-called "wasteful" expenditure on an emerging bourgeoisie accused of accumulating fortunes at the expense of the people.

The budget, approved on Wednesday, did not include the sum allocated for military expenditure, which remains a state secret.

But the emergency fund allocation, which usually finances defence projects, is cut from 775 million pounds in 1975 to 646 million pounds. (Reuters)

Pope urges all to seek peace

VATICAN CITY. — Pope Paul yesterday appealed to world leaders and ordinary men and women to work tirelessly for peace, which he said was possible, right and necessary.

In a special address during a New Year's Day Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, the 78-year-old Pontiff said his appeal was aimed at "those who have in their hands the fate of peoples, the life and death of millions of brothers, and also to ordinary people, the so-called man in the street."

"We are all responsible for peace, we are all called to collaborate for peace... We are called to fight with the potent arms of love and fraternity for the establishment, the guarding and the spread of peace around us," he said.

"Let nothing be left untried to patch up disagreements, to overcome difficulties and to work for human progress."

"Peace is possible, peace is right, peace is necessary," the Pope declared. (Reuters)

\$1m. ransom paid for Fiat chief's in-law Carla

TURIN, Italy. — Kidnappers released the mother of Fiat president Gianni Agnelli's son-in-law yesterday after payment of what police sources said was almost one million dollars in ransom.

Police said they were detaining 11 persons in connection with the abduction of Mrs. Carla Barba Navarretti, 53.

Doctors said Mrs. Barba Navarretti was in reasonably good condition after 35 days in captivity. Alarmed by a kidnapper's phone call to a family intermediary, police found Mrs. Barba Navarretti near the main entrance of a race track on Turin's outskirts, shortly after midnight.

Police sources said a ransom of 650 million lire (\$975,000) was paid sometime Tuesday. Newspaper reports said the kidnappers originally had demanded a ransom of 15 billion lire (\$22m.).

Mrs. Barba Navarretti was kidnapped on her way home from work at Turin's International Technical Training Centre. She is the divorced wife of French financier and Jewish community leader Jean-Paul Elkann, and has since remarried. Their son, Alain Elkann, married Agnelli's daughter Margherita in September. (UPI)

U.S. sending men to Angola, says 'Monitor'

BOSTON. — About 150 Americans took CIA-sponsored refresher military training at Ft. Benning, Georgia, last week in preparation to join some 300 Americans already fighting in Angola, the "Christian Science Monitor" reports.

The story was denied yesterday in Washington by spokesmen for President Ford and the Central Intelligence Agency.

White House deputy press secretary John Carlson said: "The story is without foundation." The CIA spokesman said "the total story is nonsense." Spokesman for the State and Defense Departments said they "have nothing on it."

The account appears in the "Monitor's" edition for today. A dispatch from New York, staff correspondent David Anable said the Ft. Benning group was part of a larger body of about 300 who were "ready to go as soon as the CIA can obtain further funds."

The report attributed the information to "contacts with senior mercenary officers familiar with the situation both in Angola and the U.S. Those sources were described as 'close to the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.'" (AP)

Venezuelan oil nationalized

CARACAS. — Venezuela yesterday formally nationalized its oil industry, fifth largest in the world, ending more than 60 years of foreign control.

President Carlos Andres Perez hoisted a huge Venezuelan flag at the site of the country's first commercially productive well near Lake Maracaibo, in western Zulia State, to symbolize the takeover. (Reuters)

WHOOOSH. — The Queens Drive-in Theatre in Charlotte, North Carolina, lost its screen to 50 mile-per-hour winds before it could show its special New Year's Eve feature. The scheduled film was "Gone With the Wind."

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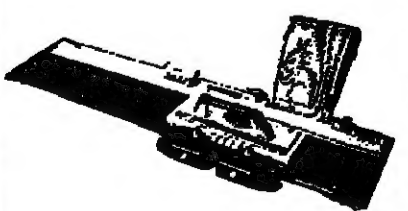
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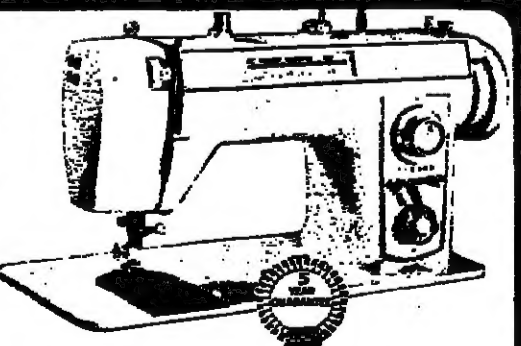
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TAX EVADERS COME CLEAN IN INDIA

NEW DELHI. — Tax authorities claimed here yesterday that they have unearthed \$2,000m. worth of undisclosed money under a "voluntary disclosure" scheme whose deadline ended on New Year's eve. The government warned rich tax evaders in October to take advantage of the scheme under which there was to be no penalty or prosecution and easy tax rates in a once and for all chance for the tax-dodgers to come clean or face stiff penalties from January 1. (UPI)

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1975 — THE YEAR OF THE STICK

Another bad year
for the West

By RAYMOND HEARD

LONDON. — It was another bad year for the West — the year of the stick. A new majority of Third World States, backed by Russia, clobbered the United States and its allies all the way from Indo-China — which fell to the Communists — to the United Nations headquarters in a nearly bankrupt New York.

Many of the liberal democratic values which Europeans and Americans had tried to impose on alien cultures were increasingly rejected. This was most apparent in July when Indira Gandhi, defining politics as the art of acquiring, holding and wielding power, raped Indian-style democracy. She did this soon after deposing the monarch in Sikkim, the Shangri-la of more innocent times.

Inflation, unemployment and separatist demands — some of them made with violence by urban terrorists — compounded the crisis of confidence in the political system of the West. The realization that America was no longer the dominant world Power brought an orgy of recrimination and introspection to Washington. There was an endless series of revelations there about how the Central Intelligence Agency and the FBI had employed dirty tricks, including assassination plots against foreign leaders, to defend "freedom."

Late in the year the Labour Governments of Australia and New Zealand were voted out of office by massive margins. Many observers believe that the results of these elections foreshadow a dramatic conservative swing in other Western countries.

By far the most significant event was the rapid collapse in April of America's client regimes in South Vietnam and Cambodia, followed last month by the inevitable, and hence less dramatic, fall of the third South-East Asian domino, Laos. This debacle marked the low point of the costly and increasingly unpopular U.S. effort to contain the spread of Communism through wars of national liberation backed by the Kremlin or Peking, whose ageing leaders remained at ideological loggerheads in 1975.

AFRICAN VIETNAM?

As the year ended, Russian and Cuban "advisers" were involved in a civil war in the resource-rich former Portuguese colony of Angola, which could be the start of an African Vietnam. Whether the Russians, who have recently been accused by the tough new U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, of trying to "colonise" the continent, will succeed in Africa where the Americans failed in Indo-China may be the big international question of 1976.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who has spent much of the last 12 months defending policies at home and abroad that were generally applauded the year before, is warning that détente with the Soviet Union is threatened by the Soviet intervention in Angola. He and Ford are unlikely to send the Marines to Africa, however; Congress and the voters have had enough foreign adventures for perhaps a generation.

Two Heads of State, King Faisal of Saudi Arabia (in March) and Sheikh Mujibur Rahman of Bangladesh (in August) were assassinated by political enemies whose actions have not measurably improved the lot of the masses in either country or changed the regional balance of power.

In the course of 17 days in September, three attempts were made on the life of President Ford as he campaigned prematurely for election next November to the office he was given by the discredited but pardoned Richard Nixon. Two of the attempts were made by women of bizarre backgrounds using handguns. America is none the less no closer to having effective firearms laws than after the murders of the Kennedys and Martin Luther King.

TIME TO REFLECT

General Yakubu Gowon, leader of Nigeria, black Africa's biggest and richest State, was deposed at the end of July while attending an Organization of African Unity meeting in Kampala. He is now a student at Warwick University in Britain where he has time to reflect that there is truth in the adage that it can be dangerous for Third World leaders to leave home. But his host in Kampala, Uganda's General Idi Amin, was seen to travel as chairman of the OAU. Amin emerged in 1975 as one of three "monsters" who captured the imagination of millions of people around the world because they can be loved, hated or feared. The others: Bruce, the mechanical shark in *Jaws*, the biggest-ever Hollywood hit, and a still-unidentified object in Loch Ness which was photographed in fuzzy outline by American scientists to a chorus of extravagant claims.

The death on November 20 of General Franco gave Europe a new king and the people of Spain their first opportunity in 40 years to enjoy the rights and privileges of a free society — if Franco's heirs would let them, which isn't clear.



A Cambodian boy carries mortar shells to his father as government troops battled insurgents early in 1975. (UPI)



President Ford cools off in the White House pool. (UPI)

In neighbouring Portugal, the Communists, trying to use the Carnation Revolution of April 1974 for a power grab, suffered dramatic setbacks by over-playing their hand. The result is that NATO's soft Mediterranean underbelly looks a bit safer.

But the success of the more discreet Communists in Italy's regional elections, and the continuing hostility between Turkey and Greece over Cyprus, suggests that the Southern flank of the alliance will remain a cause for concern to the West's strategists in 1976.

The bloodletting in the Middle East was confined mainly to the Lebanon where Christians, on the one hand, and Moslem radicals and Palestinian Liberation Army forces, on the other, destroyed Beirut's status as the commercial capital of the Arab world in a few months of street combat.

In America Gerald Ford tried hard to project a decisive image. But he ends the year with such a miserable opinion poll rating that some pundits expect him to drop out of the Presidential race by March. Ford spoke tough after the fall of Saigon, and acted tough when he used massive firepower to rescue the freighter *Mayaguez* in May from the Cambodian Communists.

But he could not get the U.S. economy moving, though its outlook for 1976 is, relatively speaking, fair to good. His "Saturday Night Massacre" early in November did not win the expected acclaim. It reduced the power of Henry Kissinger and ousted the cerebral hawk, James Schlesinger, from the Pentagon for Donald Rumsfeld, a probable Republican contender for the White House at the end of the decade. Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller, who was arguing that Americans had the best system in the world but had to find a way to make it work, was dumped from the 1976 Republican ticket by Ford.

Ford's changing-of-the-guard upset Schlesinger's right-wing fans, who said he was being punished for exposing flaws in the détente policy with Russia. Kissinger's supporters, whose number is waning, feared that the upstart Rumsfeld was capturing the President's ear. And the moderates in the Republican Party who, notwithstanding his recent record, regard Rocky as a "liberal," were also angry.

Ford, who had in vain sought billions of dollars from Congress to save Saigon when the Communists were at its gates in the spring, waited until late in the autumn before agreeing to a stern federal grant to prevent New York from going bankrupt. Result: he offended New Yorkers and many taxpayers in the heartlands of America who preferred to see "Fim City" sink.

Next year's election will be the major American news story. Ford is being challenged for the Republican nomination by Ronald Reagan from his right, and by sundry little-known liberal Democrats on his left. Governor George Wallace of Alabama is making a third serious bid for the Presidency and, more than ever before, he articulates the fears and anger of millions of plain folk. The most likely opponent of Ford (if he stays the course) is Senator Hubert Humphrey.

BREZHNEV FALTERING

It becomes increasingly probable that there will be changes in the leadership of the Soviet Union and China in the next 12 months. American sources say that Leonid Brezhnev's days are numbered; that he is now losing his grip in the Kremlin. Precisely why he is faltering remains a mystery. There are two main theories: that he is really sick or suffering from hypochondria, or that hardliners, who are flexing their muscles with the Angolan intervention, are challenging his détente and arms control initiatives with the West. If Brezhnev goes, significant switches in Soviet foreign policy are bound to be delayed until the result of the U.S. election is known in November.

Meanwhile, the poor Soviet harvest figures suggest — again to official U.S. sources — that the Soviet Union now has an essentially bankrupt economic system.

The illness of Chou En-lai suggests that he will soon be succeeded by Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping as the effective head of the Chinese Government. Teng is more pragmatic than Chou. And while Teng echoed the familiar anti-Soviet line when President Ford was in Peking in November, his accession would raise the possibility of some sort of rapprochement with Russia.

It was a particularly grim year for Britain. Prime Minister Harold Wilson had to delay action to cope with an inflation rate of about 25 per cent until after the June referendum in which the voters decided what Parliament had already decided for them: that Britain should belong to the European Economic Community. The Irish Republican Army's fanatics brought more murder to Britain. The Nationalists in Scotland, gaining greater popular support as North Sea oil comes ashore, were unhappy with Wilson's vague plans for giving Scotland (like Wales) greater autonomy.

Edward Heath, who had taken Britain into Europe as Prime Minister, was deposed by the more conservative Margaret Thatcher as Tory leader. She may well become the first woman to head the British Government.

FORCING SMITH

The crisis in Southern Africa is bound to raise the international temperature in 1976. South African Prime Minister John Vorster who is eliminating some of the baser forms of apartheid, is still trying to force Rhodesia's Ian Smith to grant majority rule to the blacks whose leaders are divided into rival factions. Vorster is also promising "independence" late this year to the first of his Bantustans, the Transkei, which won't be recognized as a sovereign State at the UN. He remains in close touch with neighbouring black-ruled States, notably Zambia, in his bid to stave off a racial war that could engulf the whole region.

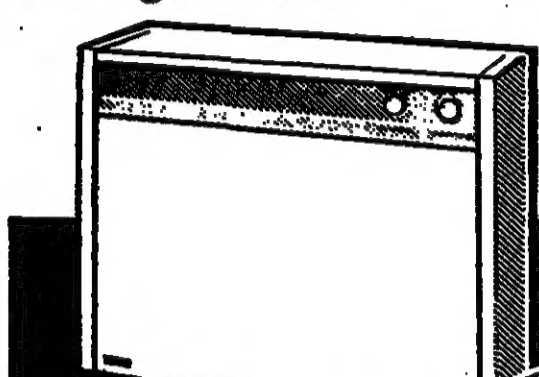
However, by sending military personnel to Angola to prevent what he regards as an attempted Russian takeover of the former Portuguese colony, he has taken a gamble that could backfire to the point of wrecking his much-vaunted détente policy with those black States which prefer talk to war. If the Russian-backed MPLA (Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola) were to win the struggle for power, Vorster would have grave problems on the north-western flank of his Namibian (South West Africa) flat.

Vorster alone cannot give the anti-MPLA movements enough strength to win — and his covert association with them is embarrassing, given black Africa's hatred for apartheid. Much, then, will depend on how much more covert military assistance the U.S., perhaps assisted by Europe, is prepared to channel to Angola. And most politicians in Washington are desperately anxious to see that America does not repeat its Vietnam mistake by taking on its own shoulders the job of "stopping the spread of Communism" in Africa. (UPI)

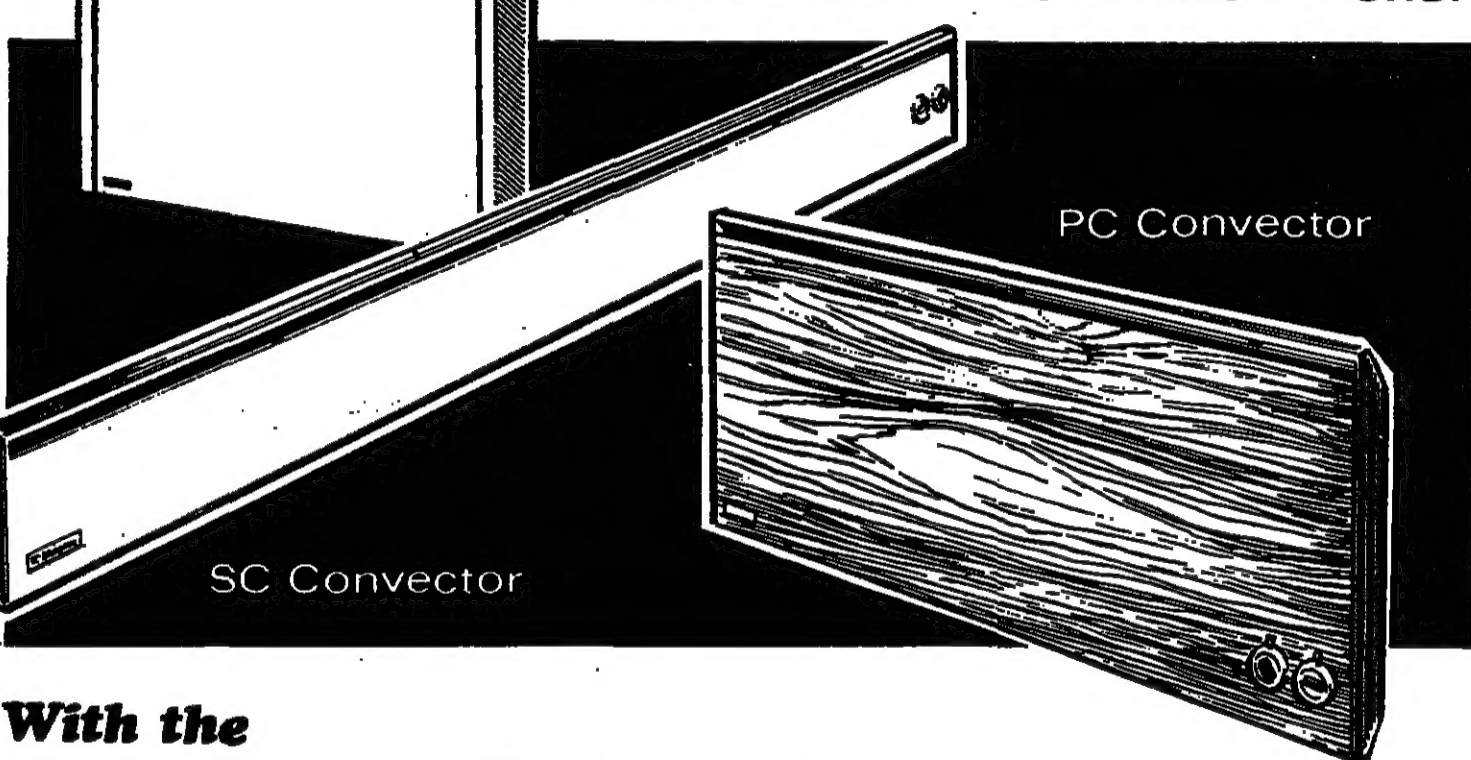
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Portugal faces year of 'belt-tightening'

LISBON. — President Francisco da Costa Gomes broadcast a grim New Year's message to the Portuguese people yesterday, promising them only hardship and steadily rising prices for 1976.

The president in a television speech, blamed the Portuguese themselves for most of their problems and stressed that the nation must remember the importance of its historical and geographical ties with the democracies of Western Europe.

In the last days of 1975, the government raised the cost of gasoline to 17 escudos (IL4.50) a

litre, increased cigarette prices 60 per cent and ordered rises in the cost of transportation, electricity, water and many basic commodities.

Newspapers said these would be followed, in the coming days, with a new set of import duties and purchase taxes, which they predicted would raise the cost of a bottle of whisky to about 600 escudos (\$23) the price of autos by 20 per cent and add 40 per cent more to the 30 per cent tax imposed on luxury goods three months ago.

The Portuguese also had to contend with major food shortages in preparing their traditional holiday

meals. Butter, milk and other dairy products disappeared from the shops and the only meat to be had at the butchers was goat. Other basic foodstuffs soared in price.

When the shops closed on Wednesday fish was selling at 220 escudos (IL88) a kilo while eggs went for 40 escudos a dozen. The minimum daily wage is 130 escudos.

The president told the people the government was aware of the drain on their wallets, but said the sacrifice was necessary because the nation had to pay for the revolutionary "excesses" of 1975. (UPI)

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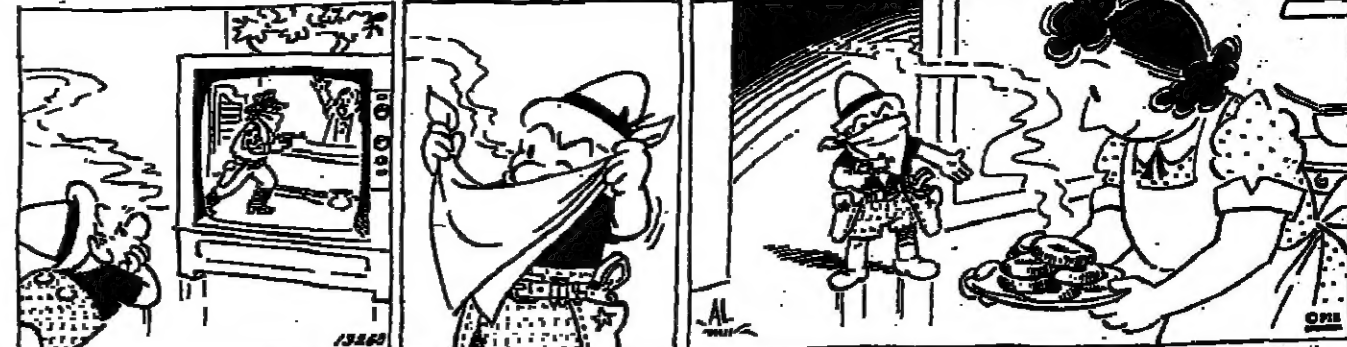
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Mr. Yehuda Kinslinger (above right), Public Relations Director of the General Hospital BIKUR CHOLIM, Jerusalem, congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Chaim and Gertrude Atotsky of Bayit Veegan, Jerusalem, on the dedication, on 22 Kislev 5736, of two new fully equipped surgery rooms, in memory of their parents, brothers and sister, their gift to the recently opened maternity department in the new wing of the Hospital.

Present at the dedication ceremony and reception which followed were Dr. M. Gelman, Head of the Gynaecological and Maternity Department, and his staff of doctors, nurses and workers. Dr. Joseph Cohen, Executive Director of the Hospital, and other members of the Board of Trustees, office staff and friends of the donors.

Mr. and Mrs. Chaim and Gertrude Atotsky, formerly of Flatbush, Brooklyn, N.Y., USA, have been devoted friends of the General Hospital BIKUR CHOLIM, Jerusalem, for over three decades. The entire staff of the BIKUR CHOLIM Hospital, Jerusalem, wish them good health and that they may continue, with the help of G-d, their good work for the Hospital and its patients for many, many years to come. Amen.

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- To determine those areas in which the Zionist Organization of Canada can be effective in helping to solve those problems.

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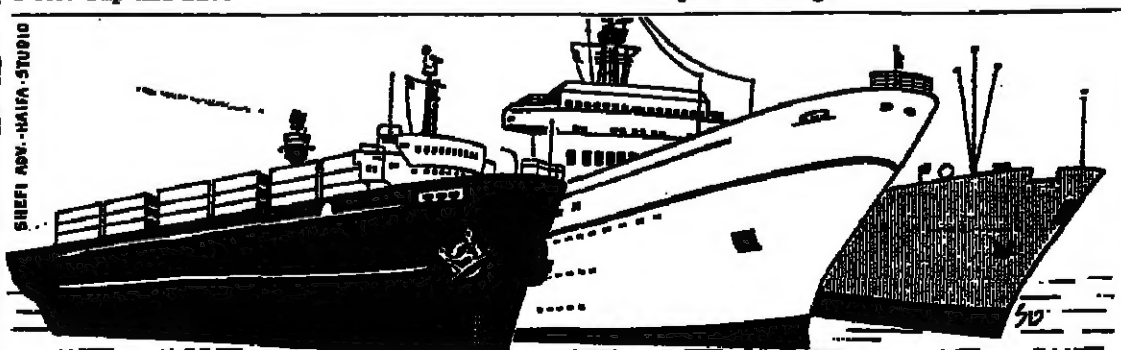
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JEWISH SCENE

Judaism stubbornly survives in the U.S.S.R.

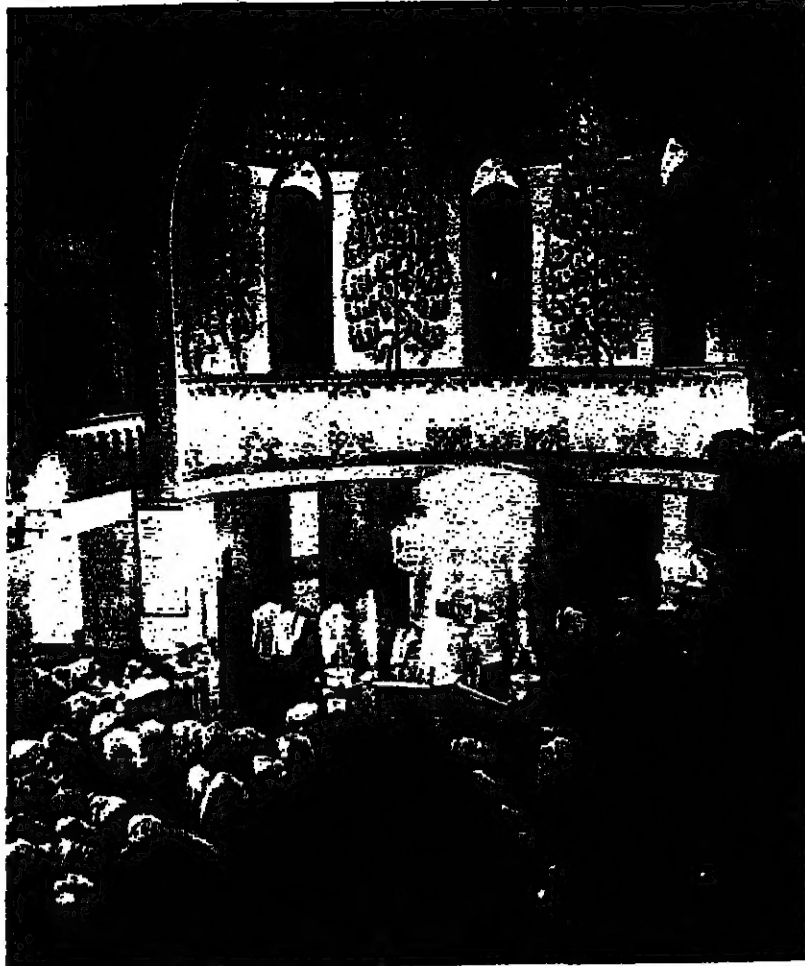
DR. IMMANUEL JAKOBOWITZ' visit to Russia has evoked widespread interest in the question of the extent of Jewish observance in the U.S.S.R. The Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth was able to report much interesting information based on his firsthand contacts with Soviet Jews and officials, as well as by his visits to synagogues. An in-depth examination of the subject is contained in the latest issue of the London monthly publication "Insight: Soviet Jews."

It notes evidence of a religious revival, especially to be found among some of the Soviet immigrants to Israel and among Jewish prisoners in Soviet camps. At the same time, formal Judaism has died in many parts of the U.S.S.R. or is in an advanced state of stagnation. In 1960 it was estimated that there were 60-70 synagogues in the Soviet Union, with only a handful of ageing rabbis. Meanwhile the number has further declined (the great Jewish population of Moscow has two synagogues — and one of these does not function). The authorities seek to reduce Judaism to a museum exhibit, through various trends of harassment and isolation.

Since the Russian Revolution, Judaism has been subject to intensive repression in the framework of the militant atheism imposed on the population. By the middle 1960s, official Judaism had been rendered moribund, at least in the central Soviet republics. The prevailing atmosphere in the remaining synagogues was one of fear and destitution. Prayer books and ritual articles were virtually unobtainable and the provincial press frequently published horrifying "exposés" of the Jewish religion ("The Secrets of the Minyan," "Praying to the Golden Calf," and so on).

In an article on "Jews in Soviet Russia since 1917" (edited by Lionel Kochan), Joshua Rothenburg analyses the 62 synagogues known to exist in the U.S.S.R. a few years ago. About half of them were located in non-European parts of the country, 13 being in Georgia and 17 in other Asian republics. In Georgia especially, Judaism has survived more stubbornly and even Party members there have practised circumcision, had religious wedding ceremonies, and so forth.

Judaism is not permitted a central organization and each congregation is compelled to function in isolation.



The Moscow synagogue — its government-appointed chairman is used as a Soviet spokesman.

Up till now, no links have been officially allowed with Jewish communities in other countries. The Moscow rabbi is used as a Soviet spokesman, as is the Government-appointed chairman of the Moscow synagogue. The Moscow synagogue building is kept in a presentable condition and occasionally functions as a "Jewish Headquarters." It was used, for example, as the scene of the notorious anti-Zionist press conference with 40 prominent Soviet Jews in 1970.

The appointment of the synagogue's present chairman, M.J. Tandelnik, aroused resentment, and one of the senior members of the congregation addressed a protest to Kossygin against the appointment of

"an unknown man named Tandelnik" who was imposed on the synagogue contrary to the will of the congregants. He complained that Tandelnik was a militant atheist, who destroyed valuable archives, made the obtaining of matza difficult and forbade the observance of Tu B'Shvat. The authorities who control religion consistently disregard Jewish rights, and the official regulation that the authorities must not interfere with the internal affairs of the community is ignored. Indeed, their attitude has of late grown harsher, as evidenced by the unprecedented invasion of the Moscow synagogue by police last Pesach and the diverting of heavy traffic past the Moscow synagogue last Rosh

Haahana to prevent Jews from congregating outside.

Information from the provinces is fragmentary and discouraging, according to "Insight: Soviet Jews." In Kiev only aged Jews use the synagogue. The 70,000 Jews of Kharkov are no longer a structured community. But there are one or two very exceptional rural communities. In Lituksa, in the province of Voronezh, there are 130 Jewish families, many orthodox, who worship at a minyan, receive matza from Israel and perform kosher slaughtering of animals and poultry. Also in Voronezh there is a kollezh with 80 Jewish families, a synagogue and a rabbi (who is some emigrating to Israel). Almost all the male children here have been circumcised, a rare ritual among Jews in Soviet cities.

Because of the harassments, state control and moribund condition of the institutions, many young Jews have sought a Jewish experience outside the synagogue framework. Creative participation in religious worship has shifted to private gatherings, informal study circles and discussion groups, some of them in Hebrew, on the philosophy of Judaism. The underground journal "Jews in the U.S.S.R." has made a point of publishing essays on Judaism, Jewish mysticism and the Maccabees of medieval Spain (with an obvious inferred parallel) in the Soviet Union, where people grow up in ignorance of the Bible and other religious literature, the first encounter with the Scriptures can be a revelation — leading to a study of the Talmud and Jewish history. There is great difficulty in obtaining books on these subjects and sometimes Jews have rediscovered Judaism not from Jewish writings at all but from the works of prerevolutionary Russian theologians, whose works may be found with less difficulty.

The numbers who have discovered Judaism may not be large but the effect on those who have returned is profound. Jewish mysticism and the Maccabees of medieval Spain are being worn as a badge of honor, were tortured and forcibly shaved for growing beards. Others in prison conditions of semi-starvation abstain from meat so as to maintain a kosher diet or refuse to eat bread during Pesach when the prison authorities withhold parcels of matza sent to them from Britain and the U.S. In the light of such cases, obituaries of Judaism in the U.S.S.R. would seem to be premature.

Reading makes a comeback

By HADASSAH RAT HAIM
NOT ALL children spend all their leisure time glued to the television. Recently there has been some indication that young people are becoming more selective in their viewing and that the "old-fashioned" habit of reading is attracting a number of goggle box turncoats. Proof of this can be found at the Nahariya Children's Library, which has just celebrated its tenth birthday and has grown as rapidly as some of its clients. It opened its doors in 1966 to one hundred and twenty readers. This year registration topped 5,000. Indocination begins early. Adult users of the library are encouraged to bring their offspring long before the little ones know their letters and let them choose from the brightly-pictured story books.

The acceptance of a new member is a solemn affair. "Books are our heritage and our privilege," they are said. "They must be treated with respect, handled with affection." Grubby little paws are sent for washing. Bags are provided to protect the books.

This enlightened policy was introduced by the man in whose name the library is dedicated: Ephraim Joel, the first librarian of Nahariya — bibliophile, scholar, teacher, a gentle soul who loved books and children in almost equal proportions. He died two weeks before the library opened its doors but his theories were put into practice by those who worked with him and the others who came after him.

There are books in Easy English to supplement lessons and some, less in demand, in easy French. There is a section of children's books in Russian for new immigrants who long for old friends, but as soon as they know enough Hebrew most youngsters from the U.S.S.R. so for fairy tales and legends.

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Report

"THE ARMY is not the natural place for a woman as God created her," says Knesset member Geula Cohen, a mother of four, in the House of Representatives. She maintains, however, that the Israeli woman is more than a woman. "She is a woman in Israel — part of the House of Israel and obligated to do her share to fight for our existence as a people. But after she has done her part, her 'reserve duty' is giving moral support to her husband and sons during their army service."

That, disappointing as it may be, sums up an evening on "The contribution of women's army service to the woman's role as wife, mother and citizen," sponsored by the Tel Aviv chapter of the Israel Association of University Women at B'nai Brit House in Tel Aviv last Thursday evening.

Even Ahuf-Mishne Stella Levy, a former Women's Corps commander for whom military service (since the days of the Hagannah underground) has been "a way of life," said: "If we want a normal society, women have to be able to bear and raise children. This is why a woman cannot be expected to serve in the reserves until the age of 55 like a man, and to leave her home and family whenever duty calls. It also explains why our efforts to open many new jobs in the army to girls have failed... Although, of course, those women who make the army their career have many more opportunities and within the non-combat work areas they have equal advancement opportunities with men. "Of course, we could achieve much more with the girl soldiers if they were only further away from home. In the early years of the

Is the army the right place for a woman?



Israeli Army, I used to say to my fellow-officers that it's too bad the girls aren't as far away from home as we were when we served in the British Army. Mother too often interferes. She wants her daughter to have an interesting job in the army, with status and prestige but without too much pressure.

"The army can give a girl much more than a university education does, but everything depends on the girl's motivation, willingness to serve, and what she puts into it. Anybody who tries to generalize about the contribution of army service to the future of girl soldiers in

general can only reach an erroneous conclusion because it is a very individualized process."

AMONG THE speakers from the floor, the most interesting and controversial was MIRIAM TRU of the Feminist Movement. "Everybody has been talking about what frightened little girls our inductees often are and how the army gives them self-confidence. When I was in the army, we weren't frightened. Basic training was a farce; we barely learned how to fire a gun. In 10 days' training all we got were lectures on Zionism and patriotism. It doesn't mean to imply that this isn't important, but if girls can finish officers' training with no basic military knowledge, it is a scandal."

"I was in the Signal Corps, and since I am unmarried and see no reason why I can't do reserve duty like a man, I asked to be given the same kind of reserve classification that my male counterparts got. The army wouldn't hear of it. They said they wouldn't send a woman to the front lines where she might be in danger, as if there isn't danger of casualties from the missiles which may be fired on the civilian population in the next war."

"The army treats girl soldiers as if they were little children who manage to carry a glass into the kitchen without breaking it. An small achievement is magnified out of proportion, while real opportunities for achievement are limited. During the war, when girl soldiers on the Golan Heights were interviewed and asked about their contribution to the war effort, all they discussed was how they helped raise the morale of the men. If they, the girls, weren't doing important work in their own right..."

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Busy dance instructor to appear in Golan film

SINCE IMMIGRATING to Israel from the U.S. about 18 months ago, Alan Markell has been one of the busiest dance instructors in Israel. "I give 15 classes a week from Tel Aviv to Beer Sheva," he said, adding that he covers a spectrum from jazz to dance therapy to acting. This versatility has brought him his latest offer: an appearance in the next Menahem Golan production (directed by Joe Manduke) to be called "Vendetta," with American actors Lee Van Cleef and Jim Brown in the leads.

At the Wingate Institute he is due to give a one-day "workshop" for physical education teachers who will be giving classes in schools for mentally retarded children. At Beit Sefer Niv he is teaching one class a week for deaf children, and another at Mervat Barbour in Yotvata for deaf and hard-of-hearing young adults. For the Bat-Dor Studios he gives jazz classes in both Tel Aviv and Beer Sheva and starting in February he will also offer a one-week jazz course at Ben-Gurion University, sponsored by the Students' Union.

Besides all this he is staging and choreographing a new programme for Becky Freilicht who has been presenting her one-woman show, "Tamiel Lash," all over the country.

DEREK LINTON, who was unable to appear in the premiere of "The Green Taboo" as Death, has been taken over the role and given magnificent performances, which have made this Kurt Jooss ballet even more of a highlight in the Bat-Sheva Dance Company programmes.

MIRALI SHARON, who choreographed the solo dance "Monodrama" for Rina Scheinfeld of the Bat-Sheva Company, is now busy creating a new ballet for the Bat-Dor company.



Israeli fashion designer Gideon Osherson has been showing his 1976 summer collection of soft cotton voile dresses in Australia at a gala charity preview organised by women of the Australian branch of the World International Zionist Organisation and at a leading Sydney department store. Here, Israeli models Batia Dissentshuk (left) and Ruth Yaron model dresses in identical sheer prints of gold and beige tulips on a black background.

Triumph of violence

NORMAN JEWISON's two previous films ("Fiddler on the Roof" and "Jesus Christ Superstar") were based on the past. Rollerball (Hod, Tel Aviv) looks to the future, to the world in 2018. The nations, gone bankrupt around the turn of the century, have been replaced by three corporations: Food, Energy and Electronics — which together rule a world in which both war and poverty have been eliminated. To satisfy their subjects' search for excitement and to prevent them from rebelling, the corporate executives have invented Rollerball.

Played by two ten-man teams the game combines the more un-aesthetic aspects of professional football, hockey and motorcycle racing. A progressive whittling down of the rules as the world championship reaches its closing stages makes the game increasingly violent. Death becomes commonplace.

As in other stories of this genre, the individual is pitted against the awesome might of the powers that be. "Rollerball" was designed to demonstrate the futility of individual effort. However, the rise of Jonathan E., the world's foremost player, does exactly the opposite. His charisma is a threat to their control and the corporate executives are intent on removing him from the game. But Jonathan E. survives all their machinations, becoming almost deified in the process. Not only are the executives' efforts brought to nought, they backfire on them.

Paradoxically, the film suffers the same fate. It tries to show how objectionable Rollerball is, but seems to do exactly the opposite. People are attracted to the game rather than repulsed by it. The extras employed in the filming did not have to be given instructions. They soon became so involved that of their own accord they did even more than was expected of them. The hired spectators climbed over barriers and tore down barricades often injuring each other in the process. Cinema audiences scream and clap support for Jonathan E. and his team. And Jewison receives a constant stream of letters asking where the game can be played. In fact, there is talk of the possibility of setting up a Rollerball League in the United States.

The film fails on two counts. The story is not interesting enough to capture our attention. We are captivated instead by the game itself or to be more precise by the violence it generates. Consequently "Rollerball" is interesting, above all, for the brutality that it is trying to condemn. Jewison realised the irony of the situation when he said: "Sometimes in films you try to make a statement and people draw exactly the opposite conclusion." But one question remains. Is this an indictment of the director or of his audience? G.C.

Tense, but cliché-ridden

The Story (Esther, Tel Aviv and Atsmon, Haifa) revolves round a chase, this time after a convicted murderer. It is founded on fact and is based on the book by former Police Inspector Roger Borniche who recounts how in 1947 he was assigned the job of capturing a certain Emile Buisson (credited with no less than 20 murders) who had escaped from the mental asylum where he was incarcerated. It was a chase that lasted three years.

Directed by Jacques Deray ("Borsalino," "Borsalino and Co.") it is a competently made film that keeps the tension rising and while there are the usual clichés — interrogations of the wanted man's associates and of prostitutes, wire-tapping and, of course, squabbles between the various police departments — these are handled with conviction.

The two chief roles are played by the two favorite French film actors of the middle generation. Alain Delon and Jean-Louis Trintignant. Handsome Delon, looking much younger than his 40 years, is the inspector. He is a sympathetically presented character since, naturally, Borniche pleads for a better understanding of the policeman's lot, the man "on the fringe of society, instinctively disliked but without whom society would be delivered over to insecurity." Delon makes him likeable and dedicated. Trintignant plays Buisson as the heartless, implacable killer he clearly was. The small roles are well played particularly by Renato Salvatori as Buisson's sidekick and Maurice Barrier as the gangster who at last gives Buisson's hideout to Borniche.

Remake lacks life and feeling

Brief Encounter (Gordon, Tel Aviv) is an updated remake of the 1945 classic of renowned love which was directed by David Lean from a scenario by Noel Coward based on his one act play "Still Life" and which starred Trevor Howard and Celia Johnson.

Now Sophia Loren and Richard Burton play the principals, the scenario writer was John Bowen and the director Alan Bridges, who made "The Hireling."

Sophia is a suburban housewife (now of Italian origin) married to a kindly but unimaginative Englishman (Jack Hedley) and the mother of two children. Burton is a country doctor, not too happily married. Every week she goes to Winchester (where most of the film was shot) to work in a Citizens' Advice Bureau. The two meet by chance at the railway station where the doctor removes a bit of grit from her eye. The first brief encounter leads to others and they find their acquaintance turning into passionate love, a love which their responsibilities and their dislike of all the lies and evasions cause them to renounce.

To those who remember the original film as being "so human" and Celia Johnson's performance as almost unbearably moving, the remake will lack life and feeling. In striving not to overact, both Loren and Burton evince little real warmth. Their performances lack that profundity that would give the slight story drama. If I remember correctly the railway station scene with the coming and going of the trains as a background to the human experience were more emphasised. Here it is the woman's homelife — scenes with husband and children and on pair girl — that are played up and, in fact, form an interesting part of the picture. S.W.

Spaghetti Western with a black cast

tors in the starring roles and was filmed in the Canary Islands. Unfortunately, none of these factors contribute anything to the level of the film.

About all director Anthony M. Dawson (better known to his mother as Antonio Margheriti), did for the movie was to get Riccardo Pallottini to do the camera work. Pallottini is a man who understands his business and the photography is good. The music also is not bad, but suffers from an overdose of twanging in the style of the prototype spaghetti Western, "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly."

The black actors won't get any Oscars. Jim Brown is a great football player. New face Jim Kelly, another black, contributes a few appealing looks heavenward in the role of a man whose tongue has been cut out. Lee Van Cleef, a veteran spaghetti badman comes across with his usual baneful grimace.

Development of character was left out of the script and the plot serves mainly to introduce a motley of new players who are dispensed with at whim. Gregor

'Nashville' best in '75

NEW YORK. — "Nashville" was this week chosen by the New York Film Critics Circle as the best picture of 1975.

Robert Altman's direction of the film won him the accolade as best director.

Jack Nicholson was chosen best actor for his role in "One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest," and Isabelle



JIM BROWN

No real cohesiveness between soloist and orchestra

MEYERSON'S "Fingal Cave" is a beautiful, original composition of which one never tires. But under the baton of Lawrence Foster, conducting the 2nd Programme of the L.P.O.'s 4th subscription concert (Tel Aviv, Mann Auditorium December 22), the overture was hardly recognizable. Formless, dragging in tempo, undecided in dynamics, blurred in textures, the music was lost in the flimsiness of tone and colour. Yet, while Foster's Mendelssohn seemed only the result of outspoken ineptitude, Radu Lupu's distortion of Schumann's piano concerto was deliberate. The concerto emerged lacking in form and continuity, drained of its inner strength, its lyrical quality, its expressiveness; yet there seemed to be a scheme behind all this. It was as though Lupu envisaged the concerto as a vehicle of personal extravagance, an extravagance which negated everything, and offered nothing convincing in its stead.

Lupu's unpredictable interpretation also posed a grave problem to the conductor, one more which Foster could not overcome. Thus the orchestral part, too, emerged as highly unsatisfactory. All through the performance there was never any real cohesiveness between soloist and orchestra.

When Foster mounted the podium after the intermission, to conduct

Forecasters optimistic about U.S. economic recovery

NEW YORK. — The coming year can be one of "impressive economic gain" for the U.S., according to Morgan Guaranty Trust Company, a major New York bank. But it admits that most economic forecasters have been wide of the mark in the last few years.

The outlook for 1976, according to Morgan Guaranty, is for a five to seven per cent gain in the real gross U.S. national product. U.S. inflation will run at about six per cent, but American workers will keep ahead of it with wage increases of eight to 8.5 per cent.

Other crystal-ball gazers see an equally rosy year ahead as 1976 comes to an end, particularly in the stock market. John W. Wright, a prominent investment adviser, predicts that the Dow Jones average of 80 industrial stocks could reach its all-time high of 1050 next year. The Dow Jones index is now around 880, so investors could look forward to a nearly 25 per cent gain if he is right.

Other financial specialists are also optimistic. A panel of investment and economic experts interviewed in Barron's, a weekly business magazine, are almost unanimous in predicting that 1976 will be a good year for U.S. business and the American economy.

"It will be a year of high profits,"

Higher grades asked for tax collectors

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The tax authorities have asked to have their employees granted special grades equal to those of judges and of state-employed lawyers. They made their appeal to the Barak Committee, which is studying wages in the public sector.

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- The proposed bidding will be carried out in phases during the period 1976 to 1978 and the exact bid opening and closing dates of the various phases will be announced to registered firms at a later date.
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U.S. New Year signals

THE NEW YEAR is here. The predictions by the assorted gazers into the future are in. Looking at the world's sore spots, like Angola, Lebanon, the UN the gazers had little cause for optimism.

In the Middle East, 1976 must be considered a year of great potential dangers. The Soviet-Syrian axis has primed itself to force Israel into submission. Later this month it will try to exploit the device of the Security Council. If that fails, there are dangers that Syria would eventually try to crank up military tension on the Golan Heights.

In the U.S. too, there are signs that those who predicted that 1976 would result in an almost exclusive concern for the Presidential election, giving Israel a chance to carefully survey the consequences of the interim agreement with Egypt, were short-sighted.

The Ford Administration seems clearly intent on further changes in order to safeguard the gains it made in the Arab world through the interim agreement. And by all accounts it is expected to ask Israel to make further territorial withdrawals, specifically on the Golan Heights.

A campaign of sorts in this direction has already been mounted in the American press. Unfortunately this campaign not only suggests Administration intentions, it also deliberately warps Israel's image by portraying a country and government that is weak, divided and not mindful of the limits of American goodwill.

This campaign has already had harmful effect in Congress and on public opinion. Combined with inadequate elucidation by our own spokesmen of Israel's policy, especially on the PLO, the campaign could have serious long-term effects on Israel's position in American opinion.

There is the further danger that as the weeks pass, and electoral politics become more heated, the Administration's eagerness to maintain what it considers the momentum unleashed by the interim agreement will become even more intense. For a further American diplomatic success involving Israeli withdrawals, would not only redound to its credit in the Arab world, it could also be displayed to advantage at home, if properly orchestrated.

Certainly the signs point to the fact that this orchestration is already being prepared. For Israel is being put on the political defensive in the U.S. even before the pullback in Sinai is completed. Thus, the old year's anticipations about what 1976 would bring with it, may be put to the test in Washington sooner than expected.

By JUDY SIEGEL

YOSEF ALMOGI rises from his less conspicuous chair on the side and settles down comfortably in an armchair in the center of the room. "I suppose I may as well start getting used to sitting in the number one chair," he says, hinting with easy assurance that he will be elected World Zionist Executive chairman next week.

Almogi circles have claimed for months that the 55-year-old Haifa mayor will win the support of a majority of the 110 party representatives to the Zionist General Council. Assertions by his opponent, Acting Zionist Executive chairman Arye Dulsin, that the election result hinges on a few swing votes, have not dampened Almogi's confidence. "It's a matter of arithmetic," he told an editorial staff meeting of *The Jerusalem Post* this week.

His belief that he does not need to engage in intense campaigning has given him time to study the problems of *aliya*, absorption, settlement, fundraising and Jewish education that will confront him if he is elected Zionist chairman. (The Jewish Agency Board of Governors have agreed that next week's winner will be the sole candidate for chairman of the Agency Executive, whose election is now scheduled for next summer.)

New ideas

"The next chairman must be a man who can generate new ideas with renewed force," he asserts. "He must be a strong executive, who can help carry out the resolutions passed by the Jerusalem Solidarity Conference held a month ago (called by Dulsin and Rabin to counter the anti-Zionist resolution at the U.N.). My strong point is not making forceful declarations and powerful speeches, but getting things done."

Stimulating more immigration, notes Almogi, is not a simple process. Israelis erred in the past in thinking that the attractive forces here are enough to bring Western immigrants in large



Almogi

The race for chairmanship

For the first time in the history of the World Zionist Organization, there are two candidates for the top job. Jerusalem Post reporters spoke to both of them a week before the election.



Dulsin

numbers. The "push factors" are not strong enough, and the "pull factors" in Israel have diminished somewhat, he says.

"What can be done, however is to turn the matter of *aliya* over to the potential immigrants themselves," says Almogi, continuing a theme of the late Executive chairman, Pinhas Sapir. "Establish *aliya* desks in every possible Jewish organization. Create hundreds of groups who will form cooperatives, kibbutzim, moshavim and other enterprises and arrive together. Continuous information about projects here must go all over the world, which is possible in the present age of computers."

CALLS FOR closing down the Absorption Ministry and the takeover of its functions by the Jewish Agency (as made by Dulsin) are without value and a waste of time, says Almogi. "We absorbed immigrants before we had the ministry, but was that ideal absorption? And if the Agency took over absorption, could it do a good job without coordination with 10 Government ministries? We would just have to create more departments in the Agency to take care of the job." What is needed is efficient, close cooperation between the ministry and the Agency to give the best possible service to the immigrant.

Asked why few Jews here and abroad appear to be excited or even interested in the Executive chairmanship, while he himself has called it "the most important job for the Jewish People,"

Almogi says he doesn't know for certain what most people think. But, when pressed, he concedes that the younger generation is tired of the party politics that permeates the Zionist movement. "It's true that the Zionist Organization needs a transfusion of new blood, and if I'm chosen, I'll do all I can to bring about a renaissance."

Making decisions

But although he could "live with only three or four Zionist parties" instead of the half-dozen or more that exist today, he says it is impossible to organize the Zionist movement in any framework other than parties. "The ties between the State of Israel and the Jewish People are not merely those involving fundraising, but also participation in the making of decisions. The parties form the bridge between what goes on here (as expressed in party positions) and what Jews abroad feel on the issues."

Almogi has not yet delved into the possibility of re-instituting the office of President of the World Zionist Organization (ideally a charismatic figure who would inspire world Jewry to immigrate raise funds and have more involvement in Israel). The idea, he says, is "quite good." But it would still mean that the Chairman of the Executive, which he aspires to become, is the person responsible for action, investigating, studying new methods and the one to take the blame whenever things go wrong.

By SEAVA SHAPIRO

AS THE RACE for chairman of the Zionist Executive reaches its final stage, Acting Chairman Arye Dulsin has decided the politicization of the world Jewish body.

Dulsin last year gracefully stepped down from the post of acting chairman, which he assumed upon the death of Arye Pincus, to make way for Pinhas Sapir. After having once more assumed the post on a temporary basis following Sapir's death five months ago, he declines to allow the chairmanship to be filled so smoothly again. Behind this reluctance is his concern for preserving democracy within the Zionist organization. He states that he wishes to prevent Labour from "asserting its domination in a movement which should essentially be non-political."

Dulsin has held the second most powerful position in the WZO, that of treasurer, since 1968.

By refusing to bow out of the race, Dulsin has presented the WZO for the first time in its history with more than one candidate for the top job, and this, he told *The Jerusalem Post*, has pointed up just how pervasive politics is in the movement.

His competitor, Haifa Mayor Yosef Almogi, is backed by Prime Minister Rabin. Dulsin said if Almogi is elected he would continue at his post of treasurer until the end of his term. He says he is on friendly terms with Almogi: his battle is with the "self-destructive" politicization of the movement.

HIMSELF a Liberal Party member, Dulsin maintains that partisanship should be restricted to internal Israeli affairs. He views the Zionist movement as a consensus organization; a million Jews from all over the free world had signed the Jerusalem Declaration, supporting the claim of the Jewish people to sovereignty in

Israel. Such support for Zionism, he states, can be maintained only if non-political Diaspora Jews are given influence at least equal to that of the State parties.

Dulsin would like community leaders throughout the world to take greater interest — and greater responsibility — in the Zionist movement. But "this can be done only by giving Jewish leaders equal status."

"Both the State of Israel and the Zionist organization have the same broad purpose. But they are and must remain totally independent of each other."

In his efforts to increase the non-political elements of the movement and thereby to broaden its democratic character, he points to his part in bringing into the WZO such voices as the World Union of Progressive Judaism, the Macabbi World Union and the World Sephardi Movement (these last two were granted full voting rights by the Zionist Executive only last Sunday). That the Conservative Judaism Movement is also on the verge of joining the Zionists is both necessary and welcome, he added.

DULSIN BELIEVES Labour's campaign to get its own man at the head of the Executive is prompted by a desire to halt depoliticization. He blames politics for many past errors of the Zionist organization, such as official publication of an article describing Israeli rule in the territories as "colonial" or emissaries selected more for party loyalty than skill.

He has sponsored a committee which is shortly expected to produce objective criteria for emissaries. These criteria, he states, should include higher education and a working knowledge of the language of the countries to which the representatives are sent.

Many such improvements are needed, though he admits change is difficult to achieve. "The Zionist organization is unwieldy, as old organizations necessarily are. But we must change organizational practice and ideological argumentation if we are to keep pace with a changing world."

Dulsin started in the Zionist Executive as head of the "amal" and rather unimportant economic department with a budget of IL200,000, and subsequently moved on to *Aliya* and Absorption before becoming treasurer. He was the first non-Mapai treasurer in many years, succeeding Eliezer Kaplan, Lev Eshkol, Peretz Nappital, Dov Joseph and Arye Pincus. If he could accomplish that, Dulsin feels, he should be able to demonstrate that the Zionist organization is different from the State administration on the matter of chairmanship of the Zionist Executive.

POSTSCRIPTS

FOR THOSE PEOPLE who may be devouring various horoscopes drawn for 1976, we have a perhaps salutary comment from a colleague.

A disbeliever in the occult but inclined to believe what she reads in print, she kept a cutting of the forecasts made by a local "political astrologer" at the end of August 1975, and has now sent it to us.

The forecast said that in three months time, i.e. by the end of November, Anwar Sadat would be out of a job; that an earth tremor, plague or epidemic would wreak havoc throughout Egypt; that riots would rock both Egypt and Israel; and that Henry Kissinger was due for some kind of accident at about the same time that Sadat was booted out of office.

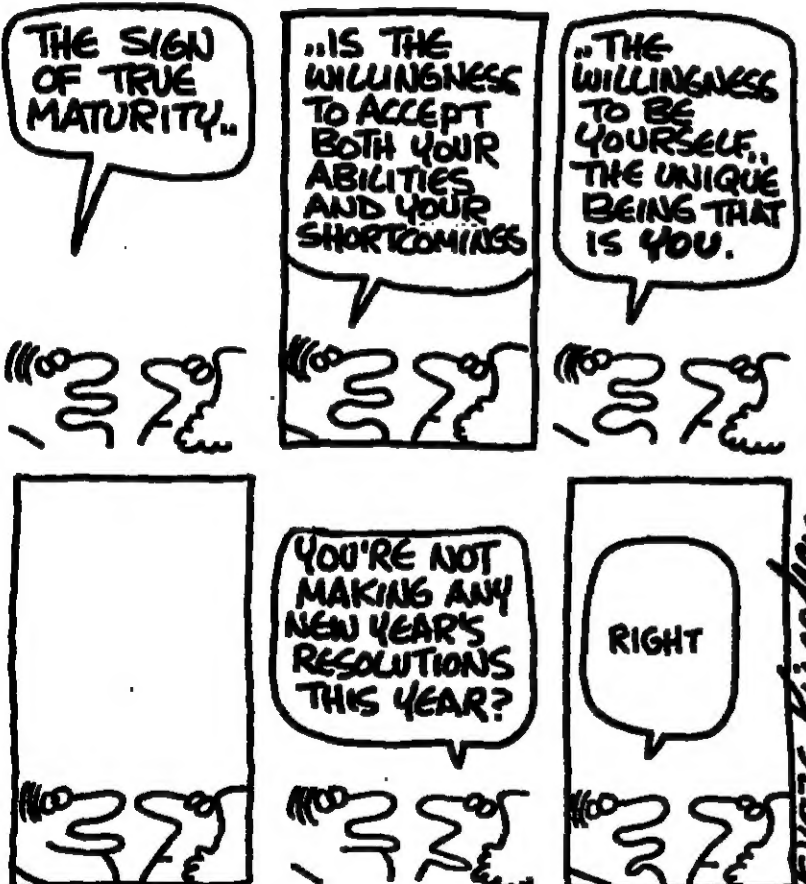
She notes that it stilled even her tiny pang of doubt that there may be something to all this astrology to

find that the target date had passed without any of the forecasts coming true.

THE STORY of the little English boy who came unaccompanied to Israel to join his mother and was rejected by his stepfather, was not, principally, picked up by newspaper all over the world.

A letter from a reader in Durban points out that anything detrimental to Israel is picked up eagerly by the media, and obviously the press made the most of this particularly unhappy story since "everyone loves children, even our worst enemies." Our reader goes on to say that he will be coming to settle in Israel shortly and then "it will give me great pleasure to catch up with David Bromand (the little boy's stepfather) and give him a good punch on the nose." H.M.

Dry Bones



ISRAEL PRESS

HA'ARETZ (Independent) considers Israel's need for nuclear power. "An OPEC-dominated world, and above all Israel, needs no reminding how essential it is to develop non-petroleum based sources of energy. For Israel, OPEC is not just a cruel exploiter, but a constellation of enemy states. Advice to build a nuclear power station to generate electricity is thus both economically and politically sound. But it may be wondered whether it is wise to bear the tremendous ecological damage such a station would entail at the

present state of nuclear technology. Should we not wait until nuclear power is 'cleaner'? We would gain in developing our native technological sources, of course.

"Israel must also save more petroleum. Last year's 4 per cent drop in consumption was insufficient, perhaps because higher prices were offset for many consumers by index linkage. On an immediate scale, this is more important than building nuclear power stations."

PORTION OF THIS WEEK

Questioning My ways

Shema: Va'era (Exodus 6:4-9:35)

RABBI ELIAZER son of Rabbi Yosse said: When I was in Alexandria, an old Gentile said to me: See what my ancestors did to yours: they drowned some of them, put others to the sword, and others they ground into the building mortar, and Moses was punished for complaining to God (Exodus 17:28): "Why, O God, have you brought misfortune on this people, and why did you send me? Since I first went to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has heaped misfortune on Your people."

The Blessed Holy One said to Moses: Alas for those who are gone and are not to be found. Several times I revealed Myself to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as "El Shaddai" and they did not question My ways or ask My name. I told Abraham (Genesis 15:7): "Go through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you," yet when he had to pay 400 shekels for a place to bury Sarah (Genesis 23), he did not question My ways. I told Isaac (Genesis 26:3): "Stay in this country and I will be with you and bless you," yet when his servants needed water and had to fight to get it (26:20), he did not question My ways. I told Jacob (28:13): "This land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants," yet when he had to pay 100 kessets for a place to pitch his tent (33:18-20), he did not question My ways. And none of them asked My name. Whereas you, Moses — the first thing you did was ask My name (Exodus 3:13) and complain that I have "done nothing to rescue (My) people (8:23). But (8:4-9) "I have established My covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan," and "I have heard the groaning of the Israelites under Egyptian servitude," and "I have remembered My covenant with them" — because they did not question My ways. But you — because you questioned My ways and asked My name, "you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh," but you shall not have the privilege of leading My people into the Land (Shmot Rabba 8:4; Sanhedrin 111a).

Going up to Jerusalem

TOMORROW IS Rosh Hodesh (New Moon Day) of the month of Shevat, and Yalkut Shimon Yehayahu, 514 comments on the Haftara (Isaiah 66): The Jews say: Master of the Universe, when will you restore to us the honour of going up to Jerusalem to see the Shechina Divine Presence in the Temple on the three pilgrimage festivals? The Blessed Holy One replies: My children, in the present time you used to go up three times a year; in the Time-to-Be you will go up there every month, as it is said (Isaiah 66:2): "... and month by month at the New Moon, week by week on the Sabbath, all mankind shall come to worship Me."

M.K.

READERS' LETTERS

Parents without partners

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — On behalf of my organization "Parents Without Partners" (Tel Aviv Branch), I would like to thank you for printing Aaron Rittner's most interesting article on "Improving the lot of the single parent family." (December 32).

We are happy to inform all parents without partners that there will be an open-house party tomorrow, Saturday, at the South Africa Hostel, Givatayim. For further details, telephone 556170 or 251987.

I would like to take this opportunity to clear up a misunderstanding about our organization. Men whose children are with their wives and do not live with them are also most welcome.

(MR.) SONIA SAYAG
Parents Without Partners
Tel Aviv Branch

Holon, December 24.

Spanish correspondent

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — With regard to the articles written by my colleague Pedro S. Queirolo (December 22 and 23), I want to point out that he is not the only correspondent of a Spanish daily in Israel.

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TEODORO DUCACH

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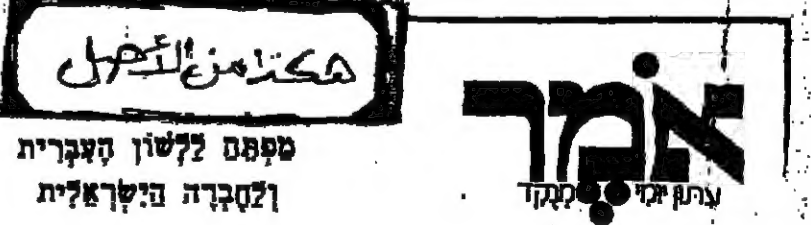
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